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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Church abuse trial: Prosecutors rested their case against the defrocked priest at the center of Boston's church abuse scandal with testimony on recovered memory, a topic the defense also hopes to tackle.

Prosecution witness Dr. James Chu, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School, said it is not uncommon for adults who suffer trauma as children to repress memories of the experience.

The testimony was an attempt to bolster the account of a 27-year-old firefighter who says he remembered in early 2002 that he'd been repeatedly raped and molested by former priest Paul Shanley in the 1980s.

Jackson jury selection: — Michael Jackson returned to court Tuesday and watched as dozens of prospective jurors in his child molestation case explained why they could not sit through the projected six-month trial.

About 60 of the first 150 brought into court Tuesday raised their hand when Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Rodney S. Mayville asked who was willing to serve. He then questioned the rest on why they sought to be excused.

Another 150 prospects were scheduled to be screened for hardship during an afternoon session. Of about 300 prospects screened Monday, 138 asked to be excused.

Children's drowning deaths: A Colorado woman who told investigators she drowned her two children after receiving a sign from a spider was found not guilty by reason of insanity and ordered to be committed to the state mental hospital for an indeterminate period.

Rebekah Amaya was charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Grace Headlee, 4, and Gabriel Amaya, 5 months.

Democratic leadership race: With Howard Dean rapidly gaining momentum in his bid to become national Democratic Party chairman, the spotlight is turning toward organized labor.

About two-dozen members of the AFL-CIO's executive committee were set to meet Tuesday morning to discuss whether to endorse a candidate. Some Democrats who closely watch labor say they doubted labor would unite behind a Dean alternative with the front-runner surging ahead and labor facing its own internal power struggle.

New York subway fire: The cause of a fire that disabled the A and C subway lines in New York City is a mystery, officials said.

Initially, transit officials believed a home-



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CFAY change of command: Cmdr. Wayne R. Freiberg, from left, chaplain; Capt. Gregory J. Cornish, prospective Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka (CFAY) commanding officer; Capt. King H. Dietrich, CFAY commanding officer; and Rear Adm. James D. Kelly, commanding officer of Carrier Group 5, salute the colors as the national anthems of Japan and the United States are sung during the Command Fleet Activities Yokosuka change of command Friday. Dietrich turned his command over to Cornish.

less person set the Jan. 23 fire, which spread to a signal relay room at the Chambers Street station. But police later called the theory premature.

Now fire department officials say there is no information that would lead them to arrive at a particular cause of the blaze.

World

Pope illness: Pope John Paul II, suffering from flu, was taken to Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital Tuesday night, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

Vatican officials told The Associated Press that they could not immediately confirm the report.

ANSA, quoting unidentified Vatican sources, said the pope's condition was not "worrisome" because he hasn't had a fever since Sunday evening when he first showed symptoms of the flu.

The 84-year-old pope has been suffering from the flu since Sunday and apparently suffered a "breathing crisis," according to a Vatican official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

N. Korea nukes: China pushed Tuesday for low-level discussions on North Korea's nuclear ambitions, saying they were an effective way to restart formal six party talks that have been stalled since last year.

Three rounds of talks involving the United States, North and South Korea, China, Japan

and Russia have been held in Beijing without any breakthroughs. A fourth round was scheduled for September but didn't take place after North Korea refused to attend.

Deadly factory explosion: Managers of a Chinese fireworks factory where an explosion killed 37 people have been sentenced to up to seven years in prison, the government said Tuesday.

The explosion Oct. 4 at the factory in the southern region of Guangxi destroyed three workshops, tore the roofs off nearby houses and left the ground strewn with bodies and rubble, according to news reports.

Three factory managers were sentenced Monday on charges of causing a nuisance using dangerous materials, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It didn't give any details of what caused the blast.

Remembering Zhao Ziyang: A group of dissidents based inside China and overseas said Tuesday they plan to honor ousted Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang with a library and other memorials.

In a statement signed by more than 200 people, some of them prominent intellectuals and lawyers based in the mainland, the group also protested the apparent arrests of several dissidents who it said disappeared after trying to pay tribute to Zhao, who died Jan. 17 at age 85.

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Moving off base just got harder at Misawa

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Toward bustling occupancy rates of on-base housing to at least 98 percent, base officials have approved a new policy making moving off base more difficult for some families.

Now, any family qualifying for junior noncommissioned housing — typically E-1 to E-6 — who moved to Misawa after Dec. 30 must live on base if housing officials can find them a unit within 30 days.

Also, routine requests to vacate military family housing to live off base will be denied, the new policy states. Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and approved only for family separations, medical or emergency situations, according to the policy letter. This applies to all ranks who qualify for family housing.

Since on-post housing has vacancies, most requests to live on economy will be denied

The housing policy also allows single, pregnant unaccompanied military personnel to occupy excess two-bedroom units usually reserved for family housing up to 60 days before their estimated delivery dates. Once a child is born in such cases, the unit would be considered military family housing, allowing her and the child to remain there. Currently, unaccompanied military members not living in dorms reside off base.

Lt. Col. Dave Maharrey, 35th Civil Engineering Squadron commander, said the policy is intended to spell out management tools housing officials can use any time the Air Force goal of 98 percent occupancy is not maintained for three months. The poli-

cy letter notes such actions will be suspended when the rate is reached and maintained for three months.

If a family wants to move off base and "we're below 98 percent, the answer is 'no,'" Maharrey said, noting that individuals may apply for a waiver to the policy, which would be reviewed by 35th Mission Support Group.

Typically, families may decide to live on or off base at Misawa, Maharrey said. "We understand that there are folks who come to Japan and want to live on the economy," he said. "However, we also have to fill our houses best as we can."

Misawa's military family housing units are about 95 percent full, Maharrey said.

Many of the available units not occupied are designated for junior enlisted personnel and their families, a category previously determined to be a high-need area.

A 2003 Air Force housing study concluded the base was short about 159 units, at the time mostly needed by junior enlisted families. To remedy the shortage, last year a North Area neighborhood for company-grade officers was redesignated for junior NCO families. Also, when you have a lot of junior NCO family units recently opened in the 800 area on base, Maharrey said.

The redesignation and new units dropped overall housing occupancy on base, he added.

About 1,700 of Misawa's 2,200 housing units now are for junior enlisted personnel and their families, he said, adding, "It's hard to justify a deficit when you have a lot of houses sitting empty. Judicious use of resources, that's the goal."

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GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

The weight of gathering snow Tuesday night created even greater curvature to the branches of this palm tree growing at Sasebo Naval Base in a housing area. Large, cottony balls of snow fell through the evening.

Sasebo closes in face of storm

BY GREG TYLER
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Base facilities here closed Tuesday in anticipation of a wicked winter storm that had yet to fully materialize well after sun-down Tuesday. Meanwhile, 300 miles to the northeast, Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station experienced periodic heavy snowfall, but no closures occurred.

Meteorologists predicted Tuesday night that the storm was headed for the Sasebo community; several weather warnings were expected to remain in effect into Wednesday, officials said.

Big flakes began falling in a shopping list of severe-chattering possibilities: "teeth-storm condition of readiness-storm watch," "winter weather condition of readiness-base closed," "blizzard warning," "gale warning," "heavy snow warning-above 500 feet" and "snow advisory-below 500 feet."

Big flakes began falling in earnest about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. As darkness neared, snowfall thickened intermittently, restricting visibility.

Most of Sasebo's main base housing residents stayed indoors late Tuesday, but some who ven-

tured out wrote short-lived messages in the snow on their windshields. One driver used a glove-index finger to write "Go Pats!" — a plug for the New England Patriots, contenders against the Philadelphia Eagles in the upcoming Super Bowl XXXIX.

Maj. Stewart Upton, spokesman at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, said snow fell there Tuesday, leaving "spotty accumulations." Said Sgt. Christopher Butler, Iwakuni Weather Office duty forecaster, on Tuesday evening: "We've seen about the worst we will see, with snowfall of about a quarter-inch and accumulation in just a few spots."

"We should see light occasional snow showers the next couple of days, even lighter than today, with a maximum accumulation the next few days of about a quarter-inch and really cold days that should begin to warm very slowly starting this weekend," Butler said.

"We will make changes as needed for work hours and areas of the base where the roads might freeze, and to let employees go home who live in areas affected by the snowfall," Upton said early Tuesday evening.

Downpours of snow and blasts

of numbing wind were predicted for Sasebo on Wednesday and probably Thursday, officials said.

As of deadline Tuesday night, preliminary plans were to open schools at 10 a.m. Wednesday — two hours later than usual, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael P. DeMauro, a forecaster with Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography, Sasebo Detachment. Reopening the base Wednesday also seemed possible, he added, but all plans were subject to the winter weather.

Officials show that bands of ocean-effect snow showers could begin Tuesday night, developing above and west of Kyushu Island in southern Japan, with heavy snow at times, forecasters said.

"Blizzard conditions are expected to reduce visibility to about 500 yards during heavy snow. Gale force winds were expected to persist until near midnight, downgraded to a small craft warning." The U.S. state of Oregon, said Capt. M. Curtis in the local forecast.

By early Wednesday evening, the Sasebo NPMOD predicts, places below 500 feet elevation on the main base and at Hario Housing Village should have received snow accumulations from a half-inch to 1 1/4 inches.

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Zama-based Black Hawk lands in sports field after sensor detects faulty part

BY JULIANA GITTIER
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An Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from Camp Zama, Japan, made a precautionary landing in a sports field outside Tokyo on Tuesday after a sensor detected a faulty part, according to U.S. Army Japan spokesman Lt. Col. John Amborg.

The helicopter, from the 78th Aviation Battalion, was flying Tuesday morning during routine training when the pilot saw a warning sensor. He looked for a safe place to land, choosing an open sports field at Seijo University in Isehara City, about 30 miles southwest of Tokyo, Amborg said.

The helicopter did not have what's termed an unscheduled or unplanned stop, which implies immediate or emergency conditions. For a precautionary landing, pilots have time to scout out the safest place, Amborg said.

A precautionary landing is "when the pilot suspects a mechanical difficulty and lands to maintain safety," Amborg said. "[It] doesn't mean anything is wrong. An indicator light comes on and says something could be wrong."

The landing, around noon, caused no injuries, Amborg said, to the three crewmembers in the helicopter or to anyone on the ground. There also were no damages, he said.

Once on the ground, the crew called for a second Black Hawk

and crew from Camp Zama to come examine the aircraft. Both helicopters returned to Camp Zama around 2:30 p.m., Amborg said.

The chopper with the faulty part will undergo a thorough maintenance inspection.

Officials at the college confirmed the landing and said that there were no injuries or damages.

"We are just glad that there were no students [on the field] at the time," a spokesman said.

The battalion had a similar incident in May 2003, when a helicopter made a precautionary landing at Sophia Junior College in Hadano City, near Camp Zama.

No one was injured in that incident, news reports said.

In August, a Marine Corps CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopter clipped a university building in Ginowan, Okinawa, during a crash landing.

The building sustained minor damage and no one on the ground was injured, reports show. However, two nearby residents this week were awarded claims for mental anguish as a result of the crash.

The 78th Aviation Battalion has five Black Hawks for aviation support for U.S. forces in Japan and provides passenger transportation, disaster relief and cargo and medical patient transfers.

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Japanese C-130 reportedly overruns runway

MISAWA AIR BASE, JAPAN — A Japan Air Self-Defense Force C-130 aircraft reportedly overran the runway here late Monday afternoon.

No other details were available Tuesday, according to Misawa's 35th Fighter Wing, which referred queries to JASDF 3rd Air Wing at Misawa. Officials there said they might release further information about the incident Wednesday but could offer no details Monday.

From staff reports

Death payout may increase up to \$500K

Pentagon proposal would limit hike to troops in combat zones

To our readers: In Wednesday's edition, Stripes reported that the payout for deaths in combat zones could jump to \$250,000. While the cost-free portion of the benefit was correct, the story omitted the standard SGLI benefit of \$250,000, which the vast majority of servicemembers would receive. This story provides a more comprehensive breakdown.

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Senators and military leaders on Tuesday praised Department of Defense plans to raise death payouts up to \$500,000, but disagreed with limiting those changes to only troops in combat zones.

Changes would raise the current Servicemembers Group Life Insurance ceiling from \$250,000 to \$400,000, and raise the death gratuity from \$12,420 to \$100,000, all tax-free.

Top officers from all four armed services testified before

the Senate Armed Services Committee about the proposal, saying it's an important step toward supporting the troops and their families.

Asked about the limits on the proposal, they said they would prefer to see those benefits extended to all active-duty troops and reservists, not just people who die in war zones.

"Their families and children can't make the distinction," said Adm. John Nathman, vice chief of naval operations for the Navy. "I don't think we should either."

Gen. William Nyland, assistant commander of the Marine Corps, said he worries the policy as proposed would exclude troops killed while training to go into combat, or those killed in off-site support roles.

"If a young man or a young lady steps forward and raises their right hand to serve this great nation, I think we have to be very careful about making any distinctions about the kind of service they render," Nyland said.

Proposed death benefit changes

	Current program	New proposal
■ Death gratuity*	\$12,420	\$100,000
■ Automatic insurance*	\$0	\$150,000
■ Most insurance purchasable	\$250,000	\$400,000
■ Tax-free*	Yes	Yes

*Only for troops in designated combat areas.

The Department of Defense plan would also pay for the first \$150,000 in life insurance for all troops in combat zones. Both that insurance coverage and the death gratuity would be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001, to include all troops killed in the war on terror.

The proposals mirror legislation already introduced in the Senate and will be included in a President Bush's 2006 budget proposal, scheduled to be submitted to Congress next week.

"There is nothing in a financial sense we can do to replace a lost servicemember," said David Chu, undersecretary of defense

for personnel and readiness. "We recognize that. But we can make their (families') lives comfortable and we can give them the appropriate financial tools to move forward."

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., who is sponsoring a bill with the same provisions, said the changes would cost \$459 million the first year with about \$280 million in retroactive payments. Future costs would depend on the number of deaths.

Several Democratic senators opposed the military concerns about limiting the benefits only to

combat deaths, saying it was lawmakers' duty to ensure all servicemembers' families are taken care of financially.

"No benefit can replace the life of a soldier, sailor, airman or Marine ... but that doesn't mean our benefits shouldn't be full and generous," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich. "Obviously I support the increased benefits, but I believe it should be for all soldiers killed on duty."

Chu said the new policy is in specific response to combat deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan, and all families of troops killed while serving are eligible for a host of benefits like housing support, education subsidies and financial assistance programs.

As of Monday, 1,415 Americans had died in the Iraq conflict and 156 had died in Afghanistan and other places designated part of the global war on terrorism, according to the Pentagon.

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Stateside doctors prepare to attack skin disease

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — U.S.-based military facilities are bracing for a wave of servicemembers returning from Iraq this spring whose treatment for a skin disease has been delayed by the dangerous security situation there.

The soldiers who may be infected with cutaneous leishmaniasis are mostly from the 1st Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, the Army's "Stryker Brigade," according to Dr. Alan McGill, infectious disease specialist at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring, Md.

"We've heard rumors of a couple hundred cases in the Stryker Brigade," McGill said Friday.

But travel in Iraq is so perilous for U.S.

troops that health care staff there are choosing to let suspected cases of the disease go, rather than risk a trip to the large medical facilities for diagnosis, said McGill, the U.S. military's leading leishmaniasis expert.

"Doctors in the field are making some hard choices, because any movement in Iraq places your life in jeopardy," he said. McGill said he agrees with that decision, because the sores caused by cutaneous leishmaniasis eventually go away without treatment.

"If I were over there, I wouldn't take the risk of sending [a soldier] to [a large medical facility] to treat a skin lesion that's going to get better anyway," McGill said.

Although treatment for some may have been delayed, troops whose skin lesions are serious will be accommodated once their deployments are over, McGill promised.

"The security situation may have prevented a timely evaluation by stateside standards, but as soon as these guys get home, we are going to take care of them," McGill said.

Leishmaniasis takes hold when infected sand flies bite humans who sleep on the ground or work in very dirty, sandy environments.

Human cases of leishmaniasis mostly fall into one of two categories: cutaneous, which causes skin lesions that vary from the size of a pencil head to larger than the bottom of a soda can; and visceral, a far more serious variation which leaves no external marks, instead attacking the internal organs.

Untreated visceral leishmaniasis can be fatal, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

But sores from cutaneous leishmaniasis "heal on their own, [although] this can take months or even years ... and leave ugly scars," according to CDC spokesman Lelwyn Grant.

U.S. military doctors diagnosed about 750 cases of leishmaniasis among troops who participated in the first rotations of Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, McGill said.

Of those, only four cases of visceral leishmaniasis have been diagnosed, two from Iraq, and two from Afghanistan, he said. Military physicians are expecting fewer cases among troops deployed in the second rotations of OIF and OEF, because most troops now stay in screened, air-conditioned facilities — one of the CDC's primary recommendations for avoiding infection.

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'Kidnapped' GI appears to be toy

BY ROBERT H. REID
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A Web site posted a photograph of what it claimed was a kidnapped U.S. soldier, but doubts were quickly raised about its authenticity and the U.S. military said no soldiers were missing.

A toy manufacturer said the figure in the photo resembled one of its military action figures, originally produced for sale at U.S. bases in Kuwait.

The statement appeared on a Web site often used for posting statements from militants, some of which have proven authentic in the past, and was in the name of a group that has claimed previous kidnappings, the Mujahadeen Brigades.

The Arabic text, however, contained several misspellings and repetitions.

Staff Sgt. Nick Minecci of the U.S. military's press office in Baghdad said "no units have reported anyone missing."

The photo in the posting showed a figure dressed in desert camouflage fatigues, wearing a vest and knee pads and with a gun pointed to its head. All the items are similar to ones that come in a box with the action figure, named "Cody."

Liam Cusack, of the toy manufacturer Dragon Models USA Inc. said the image of the soldier portrayed in the photo bore a striking resemblance to the African-American version of its "Cody" action figure.

"It is our doll ... To me, it looks definitely

like it is," Cusack told The Associated Press. "Everything the guy is wearing is exactly what comes with our figure. If you look at the two pictures side by side, it'd be a huge coincidence. To me, the face looks exactly the same."

The company, based in City of Industry, Calif., produced 4,000 of the figures in December 2003 for the U.S. military in Kuwait for sale in their bases, "so they would have been in region."

The Mujahadeen Brigades have claimed responsibility for two kidnappings in the past — the abduction in April of three Japanese who were released and that of a Brazilian engineer who went missing after an ambush that the Brigades claimed to have carried out along with the Ansar al-Sunnah Army.



This photo, posted on an Iraq militant Web site as a captured U.S. soldier, has come under question as a toy manufacturer said the image resembles one of their action figures.



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IN THE WORLD

Some in Aceh wary of arrival of Japanese

BY CHRIS BRUMMITT
The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Raza Hasan still remembers Japan's brutal World War II occupation of Indonesia: the beatings, the forced labor and the stories of terrible punishments.

But six decades later, he views the return of 1,000 Japanese troops to Aceh with little concern. This time, their mission is different: to offer aid following the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami.

"Now their mission is about serving humanity. Jews, Christians, Japanese: everyone is welcome," the 76-year-old Hasan said, over cups of sweet coffee in the cafe he owns in the provincial capital, Banda Aceh.

Japan's mission in Aceh province on the northern tip of Sumatra island is its military's largest-ever overseas relief effort — and the second-biggest contingent in the province.

It's a deployment that Tokyo hopes will put it on the map as a political heavyweight to match its status as an economic power, and comes as it competes with China for influence in South Asia.

But Japan's wartime occupation of the region is forcing it to tread lightly. Many in South Asia remain wary of a possible resurgence of

Memories of WWII occupation shadow relief mission

the militarism that marked Tokyo's occupation.

"There were cruel ones, and there were nicer ones," Hasan said, puffing on a thick clove cigarette. "Not everyone here in their heart hated them."

That hatred has deep roots.

Though cultural taboos prevent history books here from describing how Japan's military forced local women into sexual slavery, they tell of Indonesians who were put to work as laborers or conscripted to fight alongside the Japanese, and how the invaders stole crops from farmers.

Hasan was a teenager in 1942 when the Japanese Imperial Army attacked Indonesia, under Dutch colonial rule for 400 years.

He recalled how he was forced to join a work gang that built an airstrip for the Japanese. But it was the beatings he saw and other punishments he heard of that were most chilling. His friend told him of a villager, accused of stealing by Japanese soldiers, who had his legs cut off while tied to a coconut tree.

Currently, Japanese troops are bivouacked on a naval ship off the province's hard-hit western coast. They have been ferrying food,

treating the sick and spraying insecticide to kill off malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

In one recent mission, they flew Chinook helicopters along the coast, dropping sacks of rice and

biscuits to tsunami survivors.

Despite foreign troops' help in delivering relief aid, Indonesia is keen to have them leave by an informal deadline of late March, perhaps worried their presence might

bring international sympathy for the rebels. The separatists say they want foreign troops to stay.

For Japan, the mission, which follows deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, could help burnish the country's image that it is committed to help resolve conflicts round the globe.

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Clinton likely envoy pick for tsunami reconstruction

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan has selected former President Clinton to be the U.N. point man for tsunami reconstruction and ensure that the world doesn't forget the needs of the countries devastated by the Dec. 26 disaster, a well-informed U.N. diplomat said Tuesday.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard refused to confirm the appointment but said "a statement will be released on the subject by my office in the next few hours."

Annan wants to appoint a special envoy not only to focus on the cleanup and reconstruction but to try to make progress on resolving conflicts with rebels in the two worst-hit countries — Indonesia and Sri Lanka, Eckhard said.

The U.N. diplomat said the appointment of Clinton as Annan's top envoy for the rehabilitation of tsunami-devastated countries would expand on the former president's current efforts to raise money in the United States.

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IN THE STATES

State of the Union could play as rally for war

BY DONNA CASSATA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In wartime, presidents have filled their State of the Union addresses with words to rally the nation.

It surely will be no different for President Bush on Wednesday night. Although the commander in chief never mentioned the word Iraq in his inaugural address Jan. 20, he is certain to focus on the conflict in his State of the Union speech just three days after Iraqis held elections.

Analysis

More than 1,400 Americans have died since the war began nearly two years ago, and Bush is poised to ask Congress for \$80 billion more to help pay for a conflict that is costing \$1 billion a week.

Amid unease about the war, Bush faces the challenge of assuaging Americans' concerns about the rising toll in lives and dollars.

State of the Union speeches

offer an important stage for presidents. They usually sketch out the evils of the enemy and trumpet Americans' willingness to sacrifice — all part of a concerted effort to keep support strong.

On Jan. 6, 1942, less than a month after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke of the "spirit of the American people," their deep determination and their solemn task.

Acknowledging the question of nearly every American, Roosevelt

said, "Many people ask, 'When will this war end?' There is only one answer to that. It will end just as soon as we make it end, by our combined efforts, our combined strength, our combined determination to fight through and work through until the end — the end of military strife in Germany and Italy and Japan. Most certainly we shall not settle for less."

Ken Hechler, a former political science professor who edited Roosevelt's public papers and addresses, said Bush's challenge is similar to Roosevelt's — to shore up the nation.

"A good deal of that speech was meant to stiffen the morale against the negative reaction," said Hechler, who also served as a congressman from West Virginia (1959-77).

In 1952, Americans wondered if there was an end in sight in Korea. President Truman's support had plummeted after he fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur in 1951 for publicly criticizing the commander in chief's strategy to wage a limited war rather than attack China.

In his State of the Union speech, Truman appealed for unity, touched on his domestic agenda and told the nation, "The only thing that can defeat us is our own state of mind. We can lose if we falter."

AFN will offer live coverage of President Bush's 2005 State of the Union Address, with post-address analysis and response from the Democratic Party. Coverage will air at 11 a.m. local time Thursday on AFN News and AFN Radio. The speech also will be re-broadcast on AFN Pacific/Korea at 7 p.m. local time Thursday.

Alonzo Hamby, an Ohio University professor who has written extensively on Truman and Roosevelt, said Truman's challenge was tougher than Bush's, if only because casualties were higher in Korea.

"He had an active military draft at that time. It was a much more difficult situation," Hamby said. "Bush can talk about victory, and we can hope maybe he's right."

In the address Wednesday, Ritter said, Bush might remind Americans of the beatings and insurgent attacks in Iraq, and focus on the push for democracy.

Bush will also want to make sure that his domestic agenda does not get lost in the worries about dangers abroad.

For the complete text of President Bush's State of the Union, see www.stripes.com

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Absentee ballot application date set for California

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — California voters have until Feb. 22 to apply for an absentee ballot for the special election to fill the Congressional seat of late Rep. Robert Matsui.

Matsui, 63, died of a rare bone marrow cancer in January. He served his Sacramento-area district for 26 years, and was lauded by his colleagues in Washington at memorial services last month.

The special election will take place March 8. Twelve candidates, including Matsui's widow, Doris, are on the ballot.

Information on eligibility to vote in the election and obtaining an absentee ballot can be found through the Federal Voting Assistance Pro-

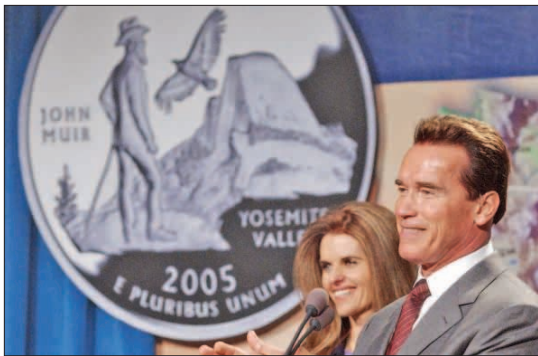
gram Web site, www.fvap.gov, or through the California Secretary of State's office, www.ss.ca.gov.

Along with submitting an absentee ballot in the mail, California voters may fax a copy of their ballot into state elections officials under certain circumstances, including waiving the right to a secret ballot.

If one candidate wins more than 50 percent of the vote in the March special election, that person will assume the Congressional seat. But if no one receives more than 50 percent, the top Republican and Democrat vote-getters will square off in a general election May 3.

Voters will have until April 26 to apply for absentee ballots for that second special election.

A quarter with a view



California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver, applaud Garrett Burke, not shown, the designer of the California Quarter, during ceremonies to launch the coin in Sacramento, Calif., on Monday. The California quarter is the first quarter released in 2005 and the 31st coin released in the U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarters Program. The quarter shows naturalist John Muir admiring Yosemite Valley's Half Dome while a California condor soars through the scene.

Stun-gun buyers to face background checks

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Taser International Inc. is hiring a company to conduct criminal background checks and verify the identity of private citizens trying to buy its stun guns.

Taser chose Atlanta-based ChoicePoint Asset Co. to provide online criminal background information and identity verification, said Rick Smith, Taser's co-founder and chief executive.

He said the checks confirm Taser's commitment to ensuring its devices, "designed for personal safety and citizen defense, are purchased for those very reasons."

Taser sells its stun guns primarily to law enforcement agencies but has more recently been marketing them to the public. The company has advertised on billboards and in newspapers in the Phoenix area.

The stun gun can temporarily paralyze someone with a 50,000-volt jolt of electricity.

Crematory operator sentenced to 12 years

LaFAYETTE, Ga. — They came hoping to hear a former crematory operator explain why he left their loved ones' bodies to rest in piles across his property. They didn't get an answer.

Nearly two dozen relatives of people whose remains were dumped on the grounds of the Tri-State Crematory in rural Noble testified at Monday's sentencing hearing for Ray Brent Marsh.

Marsh, as he did when he pleaded guilty in November, chose not to explain himself.

"I can't give you the answers that you want, but I can apologize," Marsh told the families, just before Judge James Bodiford sentenced him to 12 years in prison.

After all the relatives had the opportunity to speak, Marsh stood up, looked at the family members and apologized.

Marsh asked the families for "forgiveness for my sins."

Agreeing with the terms of a plea deal, Bodiford sentenced Marsh to the prison term followed by a lengthy probation on a \$20,000 fine. He will get credit for the nearly eight months already served in jail.

Connecticut execution delayed

HARTFORD, Conn. — A court-issued death warrant for serial killer Michael Ross expired late Monday, after a week of nearly nonstop court activity and Ross' temporary reversal of his decision to give up his appeals and accept his death sentence.

State officials plan to seek a new death warrant, but lawyers say it could now be months before legal disputes are settled and the execution is allowed. Under state law, the execution cannot be scheduled for at least a month after a new warrant is issued.

"I long for the day when we can say that we've forgotten about Michael Ross, and I want everyone to remember that he should never forget his victims," Chief State's Attorney Christopher Morano said.

"It is my hope that sometime in the not-so-distant future we will finally be able to give their families a sense of justice."

Ross, 45, confessed to eight murders in eastern Connecticut and New York in the early 1980s. He is on death row for the killings of four young women and girls.

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February 7

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Black History Month Event
February 7 from 1700 to 2100

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Ladies' Night Out
February 7 from 1800 to 1900
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Valentine Dinner Special
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YOUR MONEY

Misawa Airman's attic gone, deals aren't

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — After making a permanent-change-of-station move here in July, military spouse Cindy Straight picked up some free dishes and other household goods from the Airman's Attic to get started in her family's new Misawa home.

If Straight were to swing by the attic today, all she would find is an empty lot.

Misawa residents lost their Airman's Attic this past fall, when Building 655 was demolished. Base officials said the government of Japan had scheduled the building, built in 1953, to be razed due to its age and to allow for the rebuilding of Grissom Dining Facility.

Across the Air Force, Airman's Attic — usually run by volunteers under a private organization — provides donated furniture, clothing, household and baby items for free. At Misawa, all ranks, as well as civilians, could use the attic, although on most air bases it's typically available for families E-4 and below.

But families who shopped at Misawa's attic shouldn't lament just yet.

Though Airman's Attic is no longer a physical space with sign in front, its services continue to be provided, said Maj. Matt Cornell, 35th Mission Support Squadron commander.

"The function is still alive

How the Thrift Store works

The Misawa Thrift Store accepts donations of clothes, books, household goods (including dishes and decorations), toys, linens, computer products, DVDs, videos, music items and more.

The store does not accept stained, torn, broken or dirty items, undergarments or fatigues. Donations can be placed in a box behind Building 540 across from the post office. Up to 20 items may be assigned per week, consisting of 10 clothing and 10 non-clothing items. The owner sets the price; the Thrift Store commission of 20 percent is subtracted from all items.

The Thrift Store commission works like this: 50-cent E-4 Saturdays, when all donated items cost 50 cents. Families E-1 to E-4 can take advantage of the free shopping program during regular hours, except Saturdays. Military uniforms are free to active-duty members with an ID card, with a limit of two sets per month. The store also keeps a wish list and will call individuals if the product becomes available or comes into the store. Extra items, such as clothes not in season, are donated to the Morioka Orphanage. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second Saturday of every month. Call DSN 226-4447 for more information or to volunteer.

— Stars and Stripes

here," he said. "We had to go to some innovative solutions, and it's not all in one place, but all the functions are being performed."

The Thrift Shop, located in Building 540, has absorbed most of the attic and through clothing and other merchandise at the store carries a nominal price tag, families E-4 and below from any service may shop for up to \$20 worth of items for one month. A month under a pilot program started several months ago, and military uniforms are free to active-duty members with ID.

"Our question was, 'How much was it going to affect our income coming in?' because we have ex-

penses we have to pay," said Thrift Shop manager Julie Yager. "It hasn't cut into it too much, so we should be able to continue. For one thing, there's not another organization that can take it on, and it's a big need on base."

The other services carried by Airman's Attic — "the loan closet" for families making a permanent-change-of-station and the food pantry — are set up in a room at the Torii Building under the direction of Family Services and the Family Support Center. Both are open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Maj. Victor Baumgarten, Family Support Center director, said there



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Amanda Thompson, a military spouse at Misawa Air Base, browses for children's clothing at the base's Thrift Shop.

wasn't a central location to move Airman's Attic to and it made sense to move it into the Thrift Shop because of the staff members and volunteers already in place.

The Thrift Shop, run by the Misawa Officers Spouses Club with help from the Enlisted Community Organization, is a nonprofit endeavor started mostly by volunteers, officials said. All of its profits, after operating expenses, go back into the Misawa community in the form of scholarships and donations to youth and other organizations. Most items are donated to the Thrift Shop, though some are sold on commission.

Since taking on Airman's Attic, the Thrift Shop has seen the number of individuals taking advantage of E-1-to-E-4 privileges steadily grow. In October, 32 people signed up for free shopping and selected \$468 worth of items, according to Yager. In December, the Thrift Shop gave away \$717 in merchandise to 50 participants.

"In some respects, I think airmen may have more of a choice because of the selection at the Thrift Shop," Cornell said, noting families E-1 to E-4 with a greater need can apply for financial help in items through their unit first sergeant.

For military spouse Amanda Thompson, the switch to the Thrift Shop has been nearly seamless. "It's about the same," she said last week, while using her monthly free shopping quota. "I get a lot of my girls' clothes here. I'm not really missing anything."

Straight, who grabbed up those dishes when moving to Misawa, admits she misses the attic, even though she thinks the Thrift Shop is a great base service.

"There's more selection here, it's just there's a price on it here," she said. "You can't beat free stuff."

Email Jennifer H. Svan at: svan@strips.com

MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES				
52-week	Low	High	Name	
10,888.98	10,700.43	10,949.43	Dow Jones Industrial	
3,623.96	2,743.46	3,623.96	Dow Jones Transportation	
2,096.25	259.68	2,096.25	Dow Jones Utilities	
7,273.18	6,211.33	7,273.18	NYSE Composite	
1,401.46	1,358.74	1,401.46	Nasdaq Composite	
2,591.60	1,750.82	2,591.60	Nasdaq Composite	
1,217.90	1,060.72	1,217.90	S&P 500	
546.29	546.29	546.29	S&P MidCap	
656.11	515.90	656.11	Russell 2000	
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NYSE				
Most Active (\$1 or more)				
Name	Vol	Hi	Lo	Chg
Alcoa	19,719	24.16	24.06	+0.10
Amgen	3,986,727	23.83	23.46	+0.37
AT&T	1,446,510	11.19	11.10	+0.09
SBC Comm	2,917	21.76	21.54	+0.22
Merc	29,973	26.06	25.91	+0.15
United	27,081	32.63	32.40	+0.23
Wal-Mart	1,916,311	41.41	41.41	0.00
Norfolk B	19,804	3.25	3.11	+0.14
Verizon	11,174	31.72	31.72	0.00
Citigroup	19,078	43.05	42.97	+0.08

AMEX				
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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates				
	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Jan. 31	Feb. 1
Japanese yen (Feb. 1)	100.90	1,000.00		
South Korean won (Feb. 1)	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Euro cents (Feb. 1)	0.7374	0.7374		
Dollar buys (Feb. 1)	0.7477	0.7477		
British pound (Feb. 1)	0.5933	0.5933		
Commercial rates				
	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Jan. 31	Feb. 1
Bahrain (dinar)	0.3769	0.3769		
British pound	0.51829	0.51829		
Philippines (dollar)	1.6356	1.6356		
Denmark (krone)	5.7076	5.7076		
Egypt (pound)	0.8267	0.8267		
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.7994	7.7994		
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Iceland (króna)	61.959	61.959		
Japan (yen)	106.65	106.65		
Kuwait (dinar)	0.2913	0.2913		
Norway (krone)	6.3392	6.3392		
Saudi Arabia (riyal)	3.7501	3.7501		
Singapore (dollar)	1.6356	1.6356		
South Korea (won)	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Switzerland (franc)	0.6448	0.6448		
Thailand (baht)	34.45	34.45		
Turkey (New Lira)	1.4046	1.4046		

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military base facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For currency exchange rates in Germany, purchasing British pounds in Germany is provided for information only. In facility, Commercial rates are interest rates provided for information only. buying currency. All figures are foreign currency rates, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-euro, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Mercile				
	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Jan. 31	Feb. 1
Gold	\$421.80	\$421.80		
Silver	\$6.737	\$6.737		
INTEREST RATES				
	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Jan. 31	Feb. 1
Prime rate	5.25	5.25		
Discount rate	2.50	2.50		
Federal funds market rate	2.50	2.50		
3-month bill	2.47	2.47		
90-day bill	2.47	2.47		
Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America				

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Inappropriate talk at work

BY JUSTIN BACHMAN
The Associated Press

Is your workplace akin to a frat house or locker room more than a place of serious business?

More than a third of us, 34 percent, have heard sexually inappropriate remarks at work, according to a survey of workers. But those who talk apparently are cautious about whom they're addressing: Racial slurs also lingered in 28 percent of whites said they'd heard one at work, more than three times the percentage reported by black employees. Almost a quarter of workers also said they'd heard age-related ridicule at work, but only 13 percent

of workers over age 54 said they'd heard such comments. The largest decline in reported ridicule or verbal abuse in the area of sexual orientation, with 20.2 percent saying they had heard such comments, down from 24.4 percent in the previous survey a year ago.

"It seems that sexual comments are still thought less objectionable than, say, ethnic or race-related insults," said Mike Hyter, president and CEO of Novations J. Howard & Associates, a Boston-based consulting and training firm.

The results are from telephone interviews with 632 employed adults.

THURSDAY EVENING / FEBRUARY 3, 2005

MOVIES

• **SPORTS**

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	•HesNews Pacific Report	Two and a Half Men Curtis Fyller and Phereennes (CC)	Will & Grace Jill sees a movie and Susan over E's house life. (CC)	Desperate Housewives "Who's That Woman?" Max, Haber tries to blackmail Susan over E's house life. (CC)	C&E: Crime Scene Investigation "Turn of the Screw" The team probes a roller coaster crash that kills six. (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman (CC)			
7	AFN-AL	(5-46) O'Jays Video (CC)	(35) Guiding Light (CC)	(17) General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Legend of Tarzan (CC)	Ashtari Real Monsters (CC)	
8	NEWS	Hardball With Chris Matthews	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)	60 Minutes (CC)	Live					American Morning		
9	SPORTS	•10:00 NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Philadelphia 76ers. From the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia. (Taped)	•SportsCenter		•NFL Live	•NBA Basketball Celtics Nuggets at Portland Trail Blazers. From the Rose Garden in Portland, Ore. (Taped)				•SportsCenter		
10	SPEC	The Simpsons A probing look at the show's success. (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond Curtis Fyller and Phereennes (CC)	American Idol (CC)	The Practice "Special Deliveries" Lindsay and Grace refuse to back lawyer-client privilege. (CC)	48 Hours Mystery The Canal Street Broom Three generations of women work in a New Orleans brothel. (CC)	Friends Ross intro- duces Ben to Rachel. (CC)	Seinfeld Kramer's stand-in on a soap opera. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jay Stewart (CC)	Blind Date (CC)		
AFN-FM	Family Oddparents Rugrats (CC)	That's So Raven	All That (CC)	7th Heaven Life and Death (CC)	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	The Cosby Show	Home Improve.	Touched by an Angel "Full Circle" (CC)			
AFN-MV	E!-Movie (5-30) *** F.I.S.T. (1978, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Rod Taylor, Peter Boyle. A labor organizer's struggle to power and corruption. PG	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (CC) (DVS)	The New 52 Hour Old House Gas canisters, beer, driveway, 10-foot cement pillars. PG (CC)	The Practice "Special Deliveries" Lindsay and Grace refuse to back lawyer-client privilege. (CC)	48 Hours Mystery The Canal Street Broom Three generations of women work in a New Orleans brothel. (CC)	Friends Ross intro- duces Ben to Rachel. (CC)	Seinfeld Kramer's stand-in on a soap opera. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jay Stewart (CC)	Blind Date (CC)			
14	TMC	Dragon Tales Max and Emily explore the land of dragons. (CC)	English teach- ing (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (CC) (DVS)	The Practice "Special Deliveries" Lindsay and Grace refuse to back lawyer-client privilege. (CC)	48 Hours Mystery The Canal Street Broom Three generations of women work in a New Orleans brothel. (CC)	Friends Ross intro- duces Ben to Rachel. (CC)	Seinfeld Kramer's stand-in on a soap opera. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jay Stewart (CC)	Blind Date (CC)		
25	SHOW	(15) *** "Wish You Were Here" (1987, Comedy-Drama) Emily Lloyd, Tom Bell, Cliff Gifford. A precocious teenager comes of age in postwar England. R	American Justice Maulwurf & Murder Three cases of spouse murder. R	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (CC) (DVS)	The Practice "Special Deliveries" Lindsay and Grace refuse to back lawyer-client privilege. (CC)	48 Hours Mystery The Canal Street Broom Three generations of women work in a New Orleans brothel. (CC)	Friends Ross intro- duces Ben to Rachel. (CC)	Seinfeld Kramer's stand-in on a soap opera. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jay Stewart (CC)	Blind Date (CC)		
27	A&E	Cy City Confidential The shocking case of actress Claudine Lonor, who shot her way to fame. R	American Justice Maulwurf & Murder Three cases of spouse murder. R	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (CC) (DVS)	The Practice "Special Deliveries" Lindsay and Grace refuse to back lawyer-client privilege. (CC)	48 Hours Mystery The Canal Street Broom Three generations of women work in a New Orleans brothel. (CC)	Friends Ross intro- duces Ben to Rachel. (CC)	Seinfeld Kramer's stand-in on a soap opera. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jay Stewart (CC)	Blind Date (CC)		
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29	TCF	Game Ka Na Ba? Star Circle Quest	Maala-ala Mo Kays (in Tagalog)	(45) Insider	Kumusta Kabayan (N)	Morning Star (4:00) Mib, Ang Says Saysa						
30	CNN-I	Lo Dobbs Tonight	CNN Daybreak	American Morning (CC)								
31	GOLF	Heinenken Classic Highlights Ernie Els tops the field.	•Golf Central HUS. Senior Open Highlights From HUS. First Round.	•Heinenken Classic Highlights Ernie Els tops the field.	Highlights Ernie	Inside the PGA Tour	What's in the Bag?	•Golf Central HUS. Senior Open Highlights From HUS. First Round.	•European PGA Golf Highlights Ernie Els tops the field.	In a Fix "Teenagers' Bedroom" Girls bedfellows still damage from Hurricane Andrew 10 years later. R	Mucha Lucha Fan Favorites	
32	TLC	Rides "Terrible Bays"	Rides "Mail Order Horrors" Chevy Nova with after-market parts.	Overhaul (CC)	Rides "Terrible Bays"	Rides "Mail Order Horrors" Chevy Nova with after-market parts.	Rides "Mail Order Horrors" Chevy Nova with after-market parts.	Rides "Mail Order Horrors" Chevy Nova with after-market parts.	Rides "Mail Order Horrors" Chevy Nova with after-market parts.	Rides "Mail Order Horrors" Chevy Nova with after-market parts.	Rides "Mail Order Horrors" Chevy Nova with after-market parts.	
34	TOON	Powerpuff Girls Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	Justice League	Teen Titans	Cartoon Cartoon Cartoon shorts.	Samurai Jack	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	What's New Scooby-Do?	Mucha Lucha Fan Favorites	
35	ANPL	Who Gets the Dog? "Butta" Three couples vie to adopt a dog. R	Animal Precinct Searching for John Doe? Agents find pitbulls. (CC)	Barking Mad "Melchett & Pip" Destructive cat. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? "Butta" Three couples vie to adopt a dog. R	Animal Precinct Searching for John Doe? Agents find pitbulls. (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? "Butta" Three couples vie to adopt a dog. R	Animal Precinct Searching for John Doe? Agents find pitbulls. (CC)	Who Gets the Dog? "Butta" Three couples vie to adopt a dog. R	
36	COM	Crunk Yankers Benchwarmers	South Park Church of the Holy Hand Grenade	Drawn Together A procreation-related rant. (CC)	Shorties Watchin' Shorties Patton Oswalt (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (CC)	Crunk Yankers Benchwarmers	South Park Church of the Holy Hand Grenade	Drawn Together A procreation-related rant. (CC)	Shorties Watchin' Shorties Patton Oswalt (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (CC)	
40	NGC-A	Mummy Road Embarking on a journey.	Tales of the Living Dead "One-Armed Swordsman"	Snake Wranglers Snake wranglers.	Crunk Yankers Benchwarmers	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (CC)	Mummy Road Embarking on a journey.	Tales of the Living Dead "One-Armed Swordsman"	Snake Wranglers Snake wranglers.	Crunk Yankers Benchwarmers	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (CC)	
42	SPIKE	MIX (N)	Hey! Spring of Trivia (N)	MIX "College Girls"	MIX "Circus and Airfares"	The World's Wildest Police Videos	Blind Date (CC)	Shipmates	Maximum Exposure Fire eating, dining on cadavers, mud-slinging.	The Simpsons	Seinfeld A comic rants to Jerry's crowd. (CC)	
43	FOX	That '70s Show Kelso tries to set ben going. (CC)	That '70s Show Kelso tries to set ben going. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	That '70s Show Kelso tries to set ben going. (CC)	That '70s Show Kelso tries to set ben going. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	Seinfeld A comic rants to Jerry's crowd. (CC)	
44	BET	Soul Food "Who Do You Know" Kenny and Lem caught at strip club.	Club Comic Tony Tone, Ronnie	The Nightly News 106 & Park	BET's Top 10 Live (N)	Forensic Files (N)	Body of Evidence From the Case Files	The Chronicle News From the Edge	Outback Jack	Hollywood Heat (N)	Hollywood Justice Sean Penn? Actor Sean Penn. (CC)	
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Love Hurts" A cop with an active night life claims his show- ers can't defend him. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Love Hurts" A cop with an active night life claims his show- ers can't defend him. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	The Simpsons "Lemon of Troy" Fez up. (CC)	Seinfeld A comic rants to Jerry's crowd. (CC)	
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50	LIFE	"Wall of Secrets" (2003, Suspense) Nicole Eggert, Dan McDermott. A woman's nightmare about under mysterious circumstances. (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Greg Kinnear's family. (CC)	Modern Marvels "St. Lawrence Seaway: The longest inland waterway in the world. (CC)	The Nanny Maxwell on a "Hot" yellow Square". (CC)	The Golden Girls Ladies remember movie schemes. (CC)	The Nanny Maxwell on a "Hot" yellow Square". (CC)	The Golden Girls Ladies remember movie schemes. (CC)	The Division "That's Them" Two gay men are attacked. (CC)	Suddenly Susan Susan wants her job back. (CC)	Paid Program	
51	ARCFAM	(5:30) *** "Bethoven's 2nd" (1993) Charles Grodin. The lovable St. Bernard starts a family. (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Greg Kinnear's family. (CC)	Modern Marvels "St. Lawrence Seaway: The longest inland waterway in the world. (CC)	The Nanny Maxwell on a "Hot" yellow Square". (CC)	The Golden Girls Ladies remember movie schemes. (CC)	The Nanny Maxwell on a "Hot" yellow Square". (CC)	The Golden Girls Ladies remember movie schemes. (CC)	The Division "That's Them" Two gay men are attacked. (CC)	Suddenly Susan Susan wants her job back. (CC)	Paid Program	
53	HIST	The Presidents 1913-1945 Depression and the World Wars. (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels "St. Lawrence Seaway: The longest inland waterway in the world. (CC)	Modern Marvels "St. Lawrence Seaway: The longest inland waterway in the world. (CC)	The Nanny Maxwell on a "Hot" yellow Square". (CC)	The Golden Girls Ladies remember movie schemes. (CC)	The Nanny Maxwell on a "Hot" yellow Square". (CC)	The Golden Girls Ladies remember movie schemes. (CC)	The Division "That's Them" Two gay men are attacked. (CC)	Suddenly Susan Susan wants her job back. (CC)	Paid Program	
57	STR-MV	(5:30) *** "Road to Perdition" (2002, Drama) Tom Hanks, Paul Newman. Jimmie G. A mob hit man deals with his son after a fatal betrayal. (CC)	"MXP: Most Xtreme Primate" (2003, Comedy) Dave Matthews, Tim Wright. Dave Matthews must rescue a snowboarding chimpanzee from kidnappers. (CC)	Modern Marvels "St. Lawrence Seaway: The longest inland waterway in the world. (CC)	The Nanny Maxwell on a "Hot" yellow Square". (CC)	The Golden Girls Ladies remember movie schemes. (CC)	The Nanny Maxwell on a "Hot" yellow Square". (CC)	The Golden Girls Ladies remember movie schemes. (CC)	The Division "That's Them" Two gay men are attacked. (CC)	Suddenly Susan Susan wants her job back. (CC)	Paid Program	
58	ADV I	To Be Announced	Game for it	Total Adventure (CC)	Adventure Challenge	Different Ball Game	Adventure Planet Game for it	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Next Wave	Total Adventure (CC)	
59	MTV	Real World - Road Rules Challenge (CC)	Real World - Road Rules Challenge (CC)	Made (N)	True Life "I'm Obese" Young people deal with problems caused by obesity. (CC)	True Life "I'm Obese" Young people deal with problems caused by obesity. (CC)	Real World - Road Rules Challenge (CC)	Real World - Road Rules Challenge (CC)	Real World - Road Rules Challenge (CC)	Room Raiders	Room Raiders	
60	NICK	Hey Arnold! Arnold's family	Rugrats Angelica joins to a non-episode. (CC)	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: The Science Boy (CC)	The Family Odd-Parents Vicky's teen idol. (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Romeo Romeo Is recruited for boy- band. (CC)	Full House Full House's Day Off. (CC)	Full House Stephanie plays beauty parlor. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air The Saga Continues. (CC)	Roseanne Danielle returns to a wifely-prince. (CC)	Roseanne Danielle returns to a wifely-prince. (CC)

Drama: SangDo
S.T. (4)

Afternoon
1:30 U.S. Movie (2002): American Gun
(2:00)(12)
5:50 News (6)
Evening
7:00 News (1)
9:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Cube 2: Hypercube
(2:00)(12)
10:00 News (1)
11:35 Football CX: Serie A/Premier/Liga D-
gest (8)
1:59 NFL Club (4)
2:29 Code Name: ETERNITY (4)
2:37 Best Hits U.S.A. (10)
3:06 Classical Music: Dvorak/J. Strauss (3)(r)

and News Hour
Documentary: Man Dead

10:15 BS Documentary: war dead in Iraq (r)
11:15 CNN News
Afternoon
12:15 CNN News
2:15 PBS NewsHour
3:15 CNN News
4:15 World News Hour
5:15 Asian News
Evening
6:15 CNN News
7:15 News Today: Asia
8:15 News Today: World
9:15 Economic News
10:10 BS Documentary
11:15 2004-05 Bicycle Track World Cup: 3rd
Round in Manchester (r)
12:10 2005 World Alpine Skiing Champion-

2:10 2005 World Alpine Skiing Championship:

3:20 Asian News
4:15 Asian News
5:15 World News Now

JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning
10:00 Classical Music: Shanghai Quartet Concert (r)
10:55 Railway Adventure Across U.S.A.
Afternoon
3:00 Inside the Actor's Studio: Martin Scorsese
Evening
7:00 NHK News
8:00 U.S. Movie (2000): Autumn in New York (1-20)
12:30 U.S.-Italian-French-German Movie (2000): Fast Envy! East Woman (1-40)

WOWOW

11:30 TV Se
Afternoon

12:00 TV Series: *Third Watch*
3:50 French-Japanese Movie (2003): *Interstella 5555* (1:10)
5:30 Oswald #28
Evening
7:50 U.S. Movie (1967): *Cool Hand Luke* (2:10)
12:05 South Park #106
1:00 U.S. Movie (1982): *An Officer and a Gentleman* (2:10)
3:10 Pro Boxing: Pro Boxing: WBA Super Bantamweight Title Match - Mahyar Monshipour vs. Yoddamrong Sithyodthong (r)

MTV

Morning
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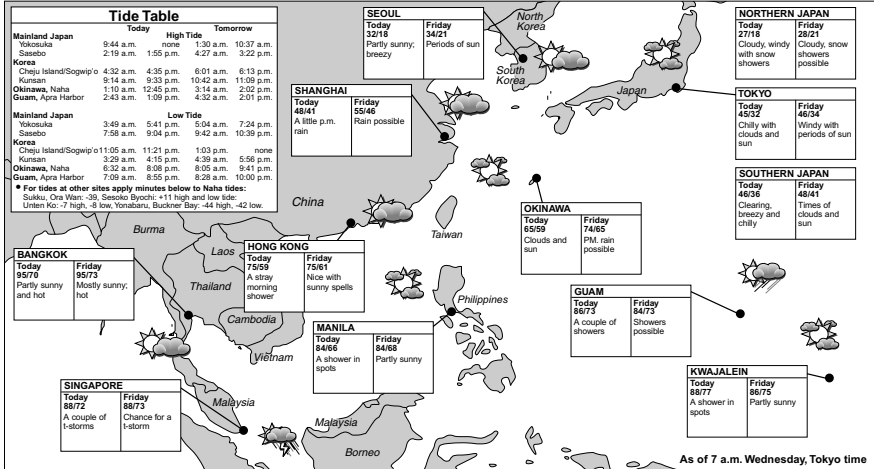
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11:30 Top Choice

Afternoon
12:00 ZBill
1:00 Makes A Video: Good Charlotte
1:30 Top Choice
2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
5:00 Sounds Chart Top 10

Evening
6:00 M Size Thursday
7:00 YATAI
8:30 Pump My Ride
8:30 America or Busted
9:30 Soul'd Out Special
9:30 Top Choice
10:00 Pump My Ride
10:30 Consensus: Marilyn Manson
11:30 Scoop
11:30 Pure Music
12:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry
2:00 M Size Thursday
3:00 Fresh

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
 Saturday: Partly sunny, high 48, low 36.
 Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 48, low 34.

KADENA
 Saturday: Rain, high 76, low 67.
 Sunday: Showers, high 77, low 69.

SEoul
 Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 36, low 16.
 Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 37, low 18.

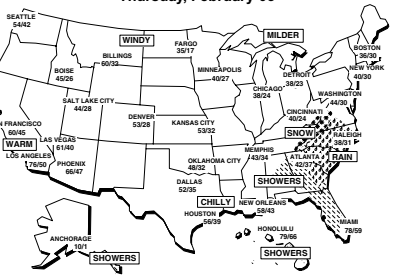
MANILA
 Saturday: Partly sunny, high 82, low 66.
 Sunday: Partly sunny, high 82, low 64.

HAGATNA
 Saturday: Showers, high 86, low 75.
 Sunday: Showers, high 86, low 75.

Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	43/27	Los Angeles	75/48
Amarillo	36/26	Little Rock	43/38
Anchorage	16/-2	Louisville	45/32
Asheville	42/30	Miami	76/60
Baltimore	40/18	Milwaukee	34/24
Birmingham	50/40	Nashville	49/38
Bismarck	43/22	New York	40/28
Boise	41/26	Omaha	39/28
Boston	35/24	Orlando	72/52
Brownsville	52/43	Philadelphia	41/20
Buffalo	34/16	Phoenix	66/47
Burlington	31/10	Pittsburgh	38/17
Charleston, SC	50/37	Portland, OR	54/36
Charlotte	49/30	Portland, ME	37/10
Cleveland	30/17	Salt Lake City	40/25
Columbus, OH	38/19	St. Louis	40/27
Duluth	35/24	San Antonio	46/37
El Paso	44/28	San Diego	70/50
Hartford	38/11	San Juan	81/68
Helena	47/24	Tampa	74/55
Indianapolis	40/22	Tulsa	42/27
Jacksonville	58/48	Washington, DC	41/25
Kansas City	39/24	Wichita	37/26

Thursday, February 03



U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm system over the Southeast Thursday will bring rain and drizzle to the Carolinas and Georgia, and as well as parts of Florida. High pressure will keep the Rocky Mountains dry once again and temperatures will be quite mild across the northern Rockies. Mild air will also be found across the Plains and Upper Midwest; in the Northwest, sunshine will mix with some clouds, but most areas will be dry. A storm will bring some rain and mountain snow to the Northwest Friday and Saturday and colder air will follow on the heels of the storm. There is a chance for some rain and wet snow along the East Coast. The Southeast should dry out. Moisture may return to western and central Texas.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	95/70	Wakani	43/30
Beijing	28/12	Kadena AB	65/59
Camp Casey	30/14	Kunsan AB	36/25
Christchurch	77/55	Kwajalein	88/77
Diego Garcia	87/77	Manila	81/68
Hagatna	86/73	Masawa AB	32/16
Hanoi	77/64	Osan	30/16
Jacksonville	75/59	Perth	68/61
Honolulu	79/66	Pusan	39/28
		Seoul	32/18
		Shanghai	48/41
		Singapore	88/72
		Sydney	70/57
		Tagu	39/25
		Taipei	68/61
		Tokyo	45/32

Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Budapest	30/18	Katol	88/77
Buenos Aires	82/62	Kiev	20/10
Cairo	65/41	Kuwait	70/52
Cancun	79/61	London	59/41
Cape Town	76/55	Madrid	48/30
Geneva	37/28	Mexico City	63/43
Montreal	46/33	Paris	59/41
Jerusalem	57/46	Rio de Janeiro	80/66
Johannesburg	85/67	Rome	50/34
		St. Petersburg	19/10
		Stockholm	31/27
		Warsaw	23/14



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Boycotting cars not an option

I understand where the writer of "Boycott your car, not AAFES" (letter, Jan. 24) is trying to come from. And I wish that life worked that way. But unfortunately for some, there are not always other options.

Here at Naval Air Station Sigonella, some of us have a 30-minute drive from Minceo housing area to get to NAS II, the "working" base, and 45 minutes to get to NAS I, the "all-purpose" base. So walking and bike riding are out of the question. We also do not have shuttle buses that come all the way out there. But luckily buses do come out for the schoolchildren. Car-pooling isn't always an option, because not everyone works the same area or the same times.

We do not use our vehicle for any travel other than from bases to housing. We have only one vehicle for the family. But it does not matter what vehicles people drive, when you think about how far we have to travel a week. That includes any time a family member has a medical appointment and we have to drive 45 minutes to get to the hospital.

I realize there are many unjust issues in the world, yet I also realize there are too many people complaining, most just to hear the sound of their own voice. Americans need to learn to help and learn from one another, and to get rid of the feeling that their way is the only way. I appreciate hear-

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ing others' opinions, yet remember they are only one's own opinion and not the way of the world.

In a perfect world we would not have to rely so much on pollutant-causing vehicles, but in modern times, that is how we live.

Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy

Letter misses real point

I'm writing in response to the letter "Boycott your car, not AAFES" about ways to address the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's gas prices. The letter has some very good suggestions for reducing gas consumption, which reduces the amount of money we overpay to AAFES. But it ignores the main bone of contention that many of us have with AAFES: the overcharging for gas.

The letter writer's attitude seems to be: "If you're getting ripped off, don't complain, suck it up, and just use less gas." I'm sorry, but if I'm getting ripped off, I'm going to speak up.

The writer also writes that "if the whole United States would stop consuming massive amounts of foreign oil, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would be forced to lower prices for supply and demand." This completely ignores the findings of most global economists who have stated that it is China's massive, record-breaking consumption of fossil fuels that drove up crude oil prices over the last year. But I guess if the writer doesn't ignore that fact, he wouldn't be writing about the rise in those evil SUV-driving Americans.

Tech. Sgt. James E. King
Ramstein Air Base, Germany

A new mind-set on RFK assassination

BY JOHN HISCOCK

EVER since he was seized with a .22-caliber revolver in his hand in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel (in Los Angeles) in June 1968, Sirhan Sirhan has maintained he was hypnotized into shooting Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The contention was discounted by the jury, which, after deliberating for 16½ hours, found him "alone and not in concert with anyone else" guilty of murder in the first degree. Almost everyone who studied the case subsequently agreed.

But nearly 40 years later, the story refuses to die. In recent months, several people have emerged to suggest that Sirhan may have been telling the truth; that he may have been hypnotized into becoming a "Manchurian Candidate" style assassin. The catalyst for the campaign is a new book, "Nemesis," by British author Peter Evans, who, using CIA documents and interviews, claims to have identified the hypnotist as Dr. William Joseph Bryan, who had worked on CIA mind-control programs and who was later found dead in a Las Vegas hotel room in mysterious circumstances.

Is it nuts? Another megalomaniac conspiracy theory? You be the judge. Celebrities and journalists—Robert Vaughn and Dominic Dunne among them—have taken up the case and are pressuring the federal government to open an investigation into the case.

Vaughn, who was a good friend of Sen. Kennedy's and who starred in the television series "The Man From U.N.C.L.E.," has sent a copy of the book to Sirhan. In his accompanying letter he told Sirhan: "It contains important new information about your case that I believe substantiates your claims of having been hypnotized at the time of the shooting and also produces the first credible evidence of motivation and method."

Sirhan's lawyer, Lawrence Teeter, has always maintained that his client was under hypnosis at the time of the shooting. Now he has filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court in connection with the demolition of the Ambassador Hotel. He says the pantry must not be destroyed because, he claims, bullet holes in the walls and ceiling demonstrate conclusively that more than one gunman fired shots at Kennedy.

Both Evans and Teeter agree that Sirhan was there as the "patsy" to be either arrested or, preferably, killed by police while the real assassin escaped. They agree that although Sirhan fired shots before he was wrestled down, none of them hit Kennedy.

Evans contends Sirhan was hypnotized during a three-month period known as the "winter of the assassinations" while investigating the assassination—and trying to construct a meticulous timetable of Sirhan's activities up to the shooting—lost track of him. Evans quotes LAPD Detective Bill Jordan, who was Sirhan's first interroga-

tor, as saying the investigators were unable to penetrate the "white fog" surrounding the 12-week gap, about which Sirhan appeared to have total amnesia.

Evans also reproduces parts of Sirhan's diary that contain what he says are "trance-like" entries and which some psychiatrists he interviewed identified as "automatic writing," a technique sometimes used by hypnotherapists to implant ideas in the subconscious of a hypnotized patient.

Hypnotism is considered hokum by many, but others argue that it has been effectively used to help smokers give up the habit, cure sleep disorders and reduce stress and for other purposes. It is also now accepted in many quarters that hypnotism was used by the CIA and military intelligence as part of a U.S. government program to enable handlers to make people commit crimes with no knowledge of what they were doing.

For the moment, few credible historians or students of the assassination are signing on to this latest version. "The Manchurian Candidate," the satirical novel by Richard Condon about a U.S. soldier brainwashed by communists into becoming a political assassin, was, in their opinion, nothing more than a work of fiction. But to hear Evans and Co. tell it, his premise may have been unsettlingly accurate.

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Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Iraq Dravely voted to embrace nationalism

Isn't it pretty to think so? Those concluding words of Hemingway's "The Sun Also Rises," a novel of postwar disillusion, became a generation's verbal shrug, expressing weary melancholy after a war waged to make the world safe for democracy.

George Will

Eighty years on, there of course remain reasons for wondering whether Iraq's stride toward popular sovereignty will lead to a durable and admirable democracy. But it is a humbling privilege for the rest of us to share the planet with the defiant Iraqis who campaigned and voted, and the coalition's superb warriors who made victory possible.

Democracy is more than a mechanism for picking leaders; it is institutions of pluralism, and attitudes of majority forbearance and minority acceptance. But democracy is a mechanism for selecting leaders. Can the leaders selected on Sunday — who must choose by a two-thirds vote a three-person Presidential Council, then write a constitution under which there will be another election for new leaders, all by December — lead toward a secular state respectful of civil liberties? If the government generated on Sunday cannot produce ample security — and electricity — it will be evanescent. To forestall majority tyranny, the new assembly will reflect proportional representation to a degree that would test the coalition-building skills of a mature parliamentary system. Any party with even one-seventh of the vote gets one of the 275 assembly seats. Two-thirds of the voters in any three of Iraq's 18 provinces can veto the con-

stitution, which means the Kurds or Sunnis could.

In which case, Iraq will be back to square one. But where exactly is that? As a communal moment, Sunday's elections should fuel Iraqi nationalism. Largely because of a misunderstanding of Hitler — a racist, not a nationalist; he supplanted national symbols with party symbols — nationalism has acquired a bad reputation. But nationalism — a civic identity organized around shared history and commemorated on sacred days, such as Jan. 30 — can trump sectarian differences, and fuse where they fracture.

Days before the voting, Abu Mubash al-Zarqawi, the terrorist, and Edward Kennedy, the senator, contributed to Americans' understanding of the struggle in Iraq — Zarqawi by his clarity, Kennedy by his confusion. In a speech intellectually disheveled and morally obtuse, Kennedy said, "Our military and the insurgents are fighting for the same thing — the hearts and minds of the people." His weird idea is that while the coalition struggles to persuade Iraqis to try democracy, with its compromises and vicissitudes, the insurgents are trying to persuade Iraqis to embrace a rival idea of social organization. Actually, the two significant factions of insurgents, who have the totalitarianist characteristic penchant for candor, do not even pretend to value consent achieved by persuasion.

One group, the former Baathist regime elements, aims only to return to their totalitarianist vocation, as George Orwell understood it: "a boot stamping on a human face — forever." These elements know that only intimidation by the vilest violence can serve them. Imagining them, as Kennedy does, as campaigners for a rival doctrine is, well, weird.

The other insurgents, those with radical Islam's agenda, reject modernity root and branch, and so reject the idea that governments derive legitimacy from the consent of the governed. Twentieth-century totalitarian-

...Iraq is another Vietnam... we should... cut and run! Insurgents are battling American occupation! ...Ah... or...



isms — fascists and communists — felt constrained to bow toward popular sovereignty with plebiscitary forms. Not Zarqawi, who says democracy is an "evil principle" and "heresy itself" because the will of the governed supplants God's will. For radical Islam, the public's mind deserves not respect but a religious scrubbing.

Forty years ago Kennedy suffered a continuing brain cramp. He and an aging but vocal portion of his party have no prism to see through and no vocabulary to speak with other than Vietnam. Hence they see the Iraqi insurgents as another iteration of the Viet Cong. But the Viet Cong had a marketable model for organizing the modern world: Marxism — "scientific socialism" — is today as vanished as a pricked bubble, but when

Ho Chi Minh was in Paris, it was considered the last word in modernity, and found a mass market. Zarqawi's "program" is a howl of rage against modernity, promising only different boots — clerical ones — on the same faces.

Americans are understandably weary of hearing, "Now comes the really hard part." But those who said that after Baghdad fell 22 months ago were right, and those who say it after Sunday might be. Nevertheless, getting to, and through, Sunday was hard, and those — Iraqis, Americans and other coalition forces — who did it might yet pull that country into modernity. Isn't it pretty to think so?

George Will is a member of Washington Post Writers Group.

Final respects can celebrate an individual's spirit

I've been hunting only once in my life, so I'm guessing that a new line of camouflage caskets featuring deer, ducks or turkeys won't be appropriate for me when I buy the farm.

Bill Tammeus



Still, I find something appealing — about these camo caskets built and sold by Arkansas Casket Sales of Heber Springs, Ark. (www.camocasket.com). I like the notion that we can tug on Death's cape and embrace — even a little whimsically — the life of the one who has died.

These 18-gauge steel, gasketed, \$2,995 caskets come in "natural" and "evergreen," and co-owner Ruth Ann Graves (the perfect last name to own a casket company) says they have been "well-received." We've had a few sales. We feel like we're getting there, but it's just been hard getting the word out.

Her husband, Hugh Graves, says camo caskets fit into the move toward more-personalized funerals.

"Things are changing from the old morbid way of gruesome funerals," he says. "It's a time to celebrate," and yet he adds this: "We strictly are serious about this. Death is serious. When it happens to your family, it hurts. But we do something for the family that actually helps them."

But, he acknowledges, "It's not for everybody."

And yet everyone — whether people of

faith or people who stay as far away from religion as possible — eventually must face death. And there are honored traditions about how we say farewell and — depending on the religion, if any — about how we understand death.

But even in the most somber cultures, there surely is space at the end of a life to say, "This is part of who this person was."

When my father died 13 years ago, we chose a big-boned, wooden casket that reflected his gentle masculinity. When my mother died almost nine years ago, our choice was a soft, pinkish metal that spoke of a love of beauty and her feminine qualities.

I hope to avoid putting my survivors

through such a choice by being cremated and having my ashes buried on the grounds of my church. But ... I agree with Hugh and Ruth Ann Graves that there is a lot of room for expressions of individuality in funerals.

One reason is that religious tradition in almost all cultures for centuries has viewed life as an enormous and precious gift.

It's one reason, for example, that all major religions approve of organ and tissue donation so that one who is dying may help extend life for others. There certainly are different approaches ... but the overwhelming emphasis is on the value of preserving life and passing it on.

In some ways, that's because religions rec-

ognize that the mysterious reality of life itself is not something individuals own, exactly ... Doing something a little odd — such as choosing a casket decorated with hunting camouflage — is ... another way of affirming life as a joyous gift.

And speaking of affirmations, I've been thinking a little more about a casket to honor newspaper columnists. Headlines are fine, as well as some reprinted columns, but instead of a phone number and e-mail address at the end of the columns, I'd use a line that says: "You can comment on this column when you get to wherever the columnist has gone."

Bill Tammeus is a columnist for The Kansas City (Mo.) Star.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY

Mallard's sage
Super Bowl
Prediction # 4



Future Super Bowls will feature 7-foot tall, 400-lb. linemen...

...but none who'll ever stand taller than Reggie White...



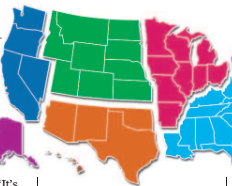
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Postcard mystery

WV MORGANTOWN — A postcard that Navy recruit Dennis Bosley sent to his mother has been returned — 37 years after he mailed it.

The yellowed postcard intended for Beatrice Bosley arrived in her son's Morgantown mailbox Saturday inside an envelope with no return address. "It's just weird," said Bosley, 55. "I'd like to find out who sent it to me and what happened to it. I have no idea. I've called all my family, and they have no idea."

Bosley mailed the postcard from boot camp in 1968. He later served on the destroyer USS Walden during the Vietnam War. Nine days after he returned to Morgantown, his mother died.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

three years after lawmakers called for their sale, a newspaper reported. Department of Administration data gathered by The Post-Crescent in Appleton show that the state has sold 11 airplanes since fall 2002, recouping about \$1.2 million. However, it still owns 19 airplanes.

Lunch looks suspicious

IL CHICAGO — The state attorney general's office is investigating whether two state utility regulators from the Illinois Commerce Commission broke any laws by attending a private lunch with executives from Peoples Energy. The lunch occurred days after a utility watchdog group filed paperwork with the ICC demanding \$149 million in refunds for alleged overcharges to Chicago-area consumers.

Ferry refunds \$150,000

NY ROCHESTER — After being threatened with a lawsuit, the operator of an idled high-speed ferry agreed to pay \$150,000 in refunds to more than 1,100 customers.

New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer initially obtained refunds for nearly 50 customers before hundreds more brought complaints against the Spirit of Ontario that ran daily across Lake Ontario from Rochester, N.Y., to Toronto, Canada.

Canadian American Transportation Systems, which ran the ferry for 11 weeks of sailing, will mail refunds.

Super mom's Bowl plea

FL JACKSONVILLE — To get her sons into the Super Bowl, Barbara Langston is using some nifty advertising.

Langston placed a classified ad in the Florida Times-Union, which said, "2 kind, polite, well-mannered, teenage boys looking for Super Bowl tickets. Call their Mom."

"In their Mom and I think they are OK," said Langston, who knows she will pay a lot of money for the tickets, possibly as much as \$1,000 each for tickets with a face value of \$500. "They are the kind of kids mothers dream about having," she said.

It's not that either of her sons, ages 15 and 17, are huge fans of either team — the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles — but she said they live within walking distance of Alltel Stadium, and she believes it's a chance of a lifetime.

Plane sales going slow

WI MADISON — The state still owns two-thirds of its original fleet of airplanes more than

posals last year to merge with New Hampshire after repeated attempts to challenge the state's education law.

Like Killington, Winhall is considered a sending or "gold" town under Vermont's education funding law, and is responsible for sending more money to the state in taxes than other towns. About 90 percent of properties are vacation homes in the town that borders Stratton and its popular ski resort.

Suburbs surpass city

IA DES MOINES — The combined population of 14 surrounding suburbs has outgrown Des Moines' population, the Des Moines Sunday Register reported. Unofficial estimates from city officials count 206,651 residents in the suburbs while Des Moines has 201,655 residents, the newspaper said.

Low count blamed on rain

TN GATLINBURG — The Great Smoky Mountains National Park drew about 9.1 million visitors in 2004, down 2 percent, officials said. Park Superintendent Dale Dittman said weather was a key factor, since the park got 11 inches more rain than normal. Several of the rainy months came during usually busy tourism times. The park is the most visited in the USA.

Sin tax on adult shows

MO JEFFERSON CITY — A Show-Me State lawmaker wants a sin tax — on those who show too much.

First, Missouri banished sexy billboards and young strip dancers. Now, Republican Sen. Matt Bartle wants to force adult entertainment businesses out of the state by stripping them of their profits.

Legislation pending in the Senate would impose a 20 percent tax on revenues of all "sexually oriented businesses," charge a \$5 fee for each person entering their doors and prohibit them from staying open late at night.

"The goal of the bill is to make Missouri inhospitable for these businesses," said Bartle.

Adult entertainment executives question whether the legislation violates constitutional free-speech and expression rights and warn it could hurt the state's economy.

"It's a small business killer and it's a job killer," said Dick Snow, owner of Bazooka's Showgirls in Kansas City and a board member of the Missouri Association of Club Executives, the industry's trade group.

Meat plant to redevelop

NH MANCHESTER — Officials signed papers to buy the former Jac Pac meat processing plant for \$3 million.

They're considering a variety of possible uses for the 17-acre site.

Any redevelopment of the riverfront property would complement a planned ballpark for the New Hampshire Fisher Cats minor league baseball team and a hotel and condominium complex, officials said.



Dog tired

Josephine, a bulldog, sleeps after riding in the Krewe of Mutt's Mardi Gras parade in Baton Rouge, La. The parade, which raises money for the Capital Area Animal Welfare Society, features dogs dressed in costumes and other finery.



From Russia, with a big smile

Nikolai Roubtsov, left, dances with Anna Shchukina during a performance by the Moiseyev Dance Company, a Russian folkloric dance company, in Owensboro, Ky.



Clowning around

Rep. Mark Homer, D-Texas, second left, serves dinner to his wife Jennifer Homer, left, and Dr. Richard Grossnickle and his wife, Lisa, right, during the annual Daon Wal Rotary Scholarship Benefit in Paris, Texas. Homer, along with other local personalities, took part in the theme of "Circus, Circus" for the celebrity-waiter dinner.



Look out below

From top, George Karnazes, 7; Lizzie Kingsley, 8; and Bailey Perry, 8, sled down a frosty hill in Charlotte, N.C.



Battle of the brass Marching bands from Bethune-Cookman College, of Daytona Beach, Fla., left, and Florida A&M, of Tallahassee, Fla., perform in the grand finale of the Battle of the Bands during the 2005 Invitational Showcase at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.



Taking her best shot Toni Mattson makes a shot while playing in the women's semi-final eight ball game against Jessica Frideres, not shown, during the Midwest Casino Pool Tour tournament in Burlington, Iowa.



Run, Randy Moss! Patty Sell, of Lincoln, Neb., races her duck, named Randy Moss after the Minnesota Vikings wide receiver, during the 25th annual Avoca Quack Off in Avoca, Neb. The event, in which ducks race across a frozen tennis court, benefits the local fire department.

Videoaping police nixed

DC WASHINGTON — Mayor Anthony Williams wants a bill requiring police to videotape interrogations of serious crime suspects "reworked."

Williams vetoed the measure, because it could make unrecorded confessions inadmissible in court.

The D.C. Attorney General and U.S. Attorney's Office supported the mayor's decision.

No-call violators beware

WI MADISON — Cell phone users could list their numbers on Wisconsin's no-call list for the first time under proposed legislation that also would increase the penalties for telemarketers who violate the law.

The proposal would increase the fines to up to \$10,000 per violation by telemarketers from the current level of \$100. Federal law prohibits telemarketing calls to cell phones, but a law doesn't include a similar provision.

Juror's calls costly

SC COLUMBIA — A woman was found in contempt of court for telephoning news organizations while serving as a juror in a federal death penalty trial.

Cynthia Wilson was ordered to perform 120 hours of community service and repay \$2,500 of the \$5,600 she received for jury duty.

Wilson made the calls to bring attention to the case so women would be aware of dangerous situations, her attorney said.

Work more for less?

RI PROVIDENCE — Eligibility rules for the state's pension system would be tightened under an overhaul of the system proposed by Gov. Don Carcieri.

Employees would have to work longer to qualify, and could be paid less under the plan.

Carcieri said his plan would save \$256 million during the next five years.

Activist, 79, sentenced

GA COLUMBUS — A 79-year-old retiree was among five peace activists sentenced to three months of federal incarceration and fined \$500 for trespassing on Army property during a protest last November at the former School of the Americas.

Tom MacLean of Ashfield, Mass., will serve his sentence in a federal medical facility.

No-tax plan considered

IA DES MOINES — Senate Republicans introduced a economic development plan that calls for eliminating the state income tax for everyone under the age of 30 while giving tax credits to businesses that create jobs.

Any job qualifying for the tax credit must pay at least \$10 an hour.

The elimination of the state income tax is aimed at keeping young workers in Iowa.

Home's pricey makeover

WA SEATTLE — University of Washington President Mark Emmert and his family have moved into the president's mansion after a \$540,000 renovation of

the three-story house built in 1906. Regents tapped an endowment fund for \$370,000. The rest came from the university's building renewal fund.

The 35-room house also serves as a site for many university social functions.

Schools miss standards

CT HARTFORD — About 25 percent of the state's school districts were warned that they aren't meeting the standards of the federal No Child Left Behind law.

The 43 school districts were spread across cities and suburbs and included the state's technical school system.

Fewer earned the designation than last year, when 99 districts were identified for poor performance.

Tax man will collect

LA BATON ROUGE — The state Department of Revenue has mailed about 107,000 certified letters informing delinquent taxpayers that the state will seize any refunds they might expect from their federal income tax returns.

Louisiana is taking advantage of a recent amendment to federal law. It hopes to collect \$180.4 million in back taxes.

Cigarette tax hike

OH COLUMBUS — Gov. Bob Taft is considering an increase in the tax on cigarettes to help balance the budget.

A leading business group said it's been told by the governor's staff that the tax could add 45 cents to the current tax of 55 cents per pack. Lawmakers approved an increase in the cigarette tax in 2002 to fill a budget deficit.

Killer lion killed

CA SAN JOSE — A wildlife killer garden shot and maimed a lion to death in the back yard of a rural home after the animal killed two goats.

Department of Fish and Game officials said efforts to scare away the lion with bright lights and noise had failed. "Most of the time ... when faced with that kind of noise and visual disruption, most animals will leave," Fish and Game Lt. Don Kelly said. "This one held its ground."

Famous hotel to close

NY NEW YORK — The Plaza Hotel, a meeting place for kings and queens, presidents and stars for nearly a century, will close by April 30, its owners say.

The 805-room hotel with the Central Park view will be transformed into a combination of upscale condominiums, stores and a much smaller hotel. It's expected to reopen late next year.

Laptop trial a success

AK CONWAY — The University of Central Arkansas says a pilot program to provide laptop computers to new students has proven successful and it intends to supply 1,000 of the machines to students in the fall. In return, students will pay a fee of about \$250 per semester, and they have to give the computers back at the end of the school year.

Horoscope

The sun and Neptune dance closely this afternoon, unearthing something that was buried in the subconscious. This could be as simple as "I forgot to pick up my dry cleaning last week" or as profound as "So that's what my mother meant when she told me that story when I was 6!" Acting on the impulse of this discovery is exceedingly lucky.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(February 3). There's drama around you, but your brilliant handling of conflict is what sets you apart this year. The turmoil is really your opportunity to step in and take your "game" to a whole new level. Your income leaps up, and so does your self-esteem in the next 10 weeks. Singles find that romance with a Taurus or Gemini boosts energy in many areas of life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your utter uniqueness is featured, and you don't have to do a thing besides be yourself. Ah, but there's the rub. Who are you? The question that was once so easily answered is now puzzling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're doing your part to wipe out a stain of sorts. You probably didn't cause the mess, but being the responsible soul you are, you step up to make things right. Your rewards will be great.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is with baubles that men are led." Medals, titles and uniforms play a part in your motivation toward a goal, but make sure that such trappings are not your primary motivation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Mental alertness and physical agility go hand in hand. You're downright sprightly! Don't waste this fantastic energy on mundane tasks. Go deeper into finding your purpose, and see if that doesn't change your schedule.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You learn from the giants now. Some of

them are dead, and you must read about them, but others are alive, and this is the perfect time to write them! A fan letter could open up your world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You're impatient to skip ahead. When your skills are so exceptional that everyone notices, and your attitude is so positive that you bring everyone else up, too, high-ups can't help but promote you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Examine your legacy. The dreams of your father or mother are being played out in your life in some way. It's lucky to give credit where credit is due and also to realize what is yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

When love comes too quickly forward, your instinct is to take quick steps back. But if you rush forward, too, you might find that you've got more control of the situation. Seize your power.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Sagittarius technological developments are a big help — that is, if you take the time to learn properly. However, a haphazard approach to learning could cause you more trouble than good. Be thorough.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

The key to exuding confidence is doing your homework. A job or client opportunity that comes your way needs to be researched — this is important. Someone with a crush on you will reveal a bit of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Accept goodhearted gestures of kindness from others. Don't be surprised if a friend comes over to help you with the baby-sitting, laundry and finding a date for the wedding all in one fell swoop.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

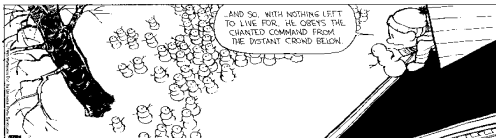
If you're truly doing your best to expand your horizons, you'll feel like a fish out of water. So just know that some degree of discomfort is necessary to the evolutionary process. Good for you.

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Calvin and Hobbes



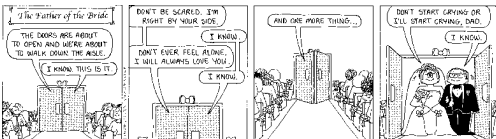
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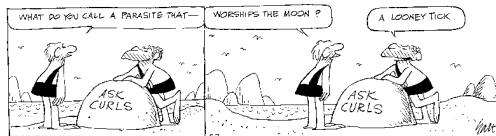
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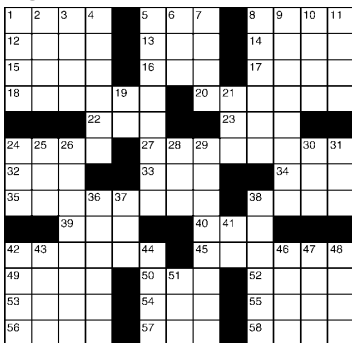
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31 Pigs' digs
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41 Constitution's first word
42 Manias
43 Lotion additive
44 Sailing vessel
46 "Phooey!"
47 Give off
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHE JUST CANNOT TAKE A JOKE! I SUGGEST SHE GET CHECKED FOR AN IRONY DEFICIENCY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals N

Many theories for helping 'Papa'

Dear Abby: Your advice to "Fed Up in N.Y.," whose father-in-law scoots off in his motorized wheelchair to the local bar a mile away and returns home drunk, missed one point. The bar has a legal responsibility not to allow customers to leave drunk, and instead of serving drunk customers, to cut them off.

"Fed Up" should go to the bar with the police and inform the bartender and management that the next time they "over-serve" "Papa Jake," she'll see it to that the New York state liquor license people get an earful, and if anything happens to Papa Jake, or he causes injury to anyone in his drunken condition on the way home, the bar will share in that responsibility.

I'll bet a gin and tonic after the bar will cut Papa Jake off long before he gets drunk.

Dear Abby



Dear David J. in San Francisco
Dear David J.: That may be true in California, but I'm not sure it's so in every state. Your suggestion is an intelligent one, and it's certainly worth making an inquiry to the beverage control board in that woman's state.

Dear Abby: Why didn't you suggest counseling for that poor man? Obviously, Papa Jake is widowed and has too much idle time on his hands. After he has been given a thorough physical and mental evaluation, he needs to be introduced to AA, as well as activities that could spark his creative talents.

— Jessica in Tennessee
Dear Jessica: I'm sure that at the time of his stroke and afterward, Papa Jake received physical and neurological evaluations. However, if he's willing to admit he has an alcohol problem,

AA could be helpful. (And so could Al-Anon for "Fed Up" and her husband.) They might also consider contacting the American Stroke Association, which maintains a listing of telephone support groups for stroke survivors, their families, friends and interested professionals. The toll-free number is 888-4STROKE.

Dear Abby: As a follow-up to the letter from "Fed Up in N.Y.," whose father-in-law was using his motorized scooter to travel to a bar, I suggest that she or her husband disconnect the battery to his scooter. I hope this is helpful.

— Philip C., Houston

Dear Philip: It might prove helpful, but only as a last resort.

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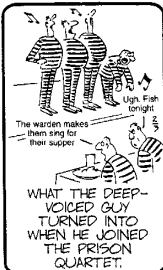
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Yesterday's
 Jumbles: PUPIL UNITY TANGLE HERSEY
 Answer: One too many made him do this — SLEEP TIGHT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrinon



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Support mom's choice of boyfriend

Dear Annie: I am in my early 20s and am now living with my mother after having been on my own for a while. Mom has been seeing a man named "Dan" for two years, and I just found out that they are engaged, although I haven't officially been told yet.

Dan and his 13-year-old son moved in with us in August, and it has been a difficult transition. Dan is a clean freak, and he goes crazy over a dish in the sink or a stain on the counter. He also is a racist. I have lost count of the number of times I have heard him use offensive, derogatory ethnic slurs. When I bring it up to my mother, she defends him, saying he was raised in a different time in a different place. Personally, I don't think that's a good excuse.

I cannot ever criticize Dan, because my mother always takes his side, no matter what, and

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says I'm insensitive for giving him grief.

Now that they are engaged, I feel close to a nervous breakdown. I loved my father very much, and when he died four years ago, I took it very hard. I try to envision the future, and Dan just doesn't fit in. When I have kids, I don't want them to know him as their grandfather. What should I do?

— Losing It

Dear Losing: No matter how odious a choice your mother has made, it's HER choice, and you must find a way to live with it. Instead of criticizing Dan — or worse, comparing him to your father — try kindness and caring. Tell Mom you understand that she doesn't want to be alone, but you are concerned that Dan may not make her happy.

Meanwhile, start saving your money so you don't have to share living quarters, and if Mom mar-

ries Dan, do your best to be civil to your new stepfather. It will allow you to keep your relationship with your mother.

Dear Annie: The other day at breakfast, I read your column about wives of retired husbands who go bananas with hubby at home. Feeling very superior on this score, I asked around the table to my wife of 51-plus years: "I don't drive you bananas since I retired, do I?"

Without missing a beat she responded: "Oh, no, no, no. You did that long before retiring." Sigh.

— Martin

Dear Martin: Thanks for making us laugh. We needed that.

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"That depends on how hard it's going to be."

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Dennis the Menace



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The Far Side



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Union approves proposed Sosa trade to Baltimore

Commissioner still must give blessing before slugger can be dealt to O's

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The trade that would send Sammy Sosa from the Chicago Cubs to the Baltimore Orioles took a step forward Monday when the players' association approved a key change to his contract that is required to complete the deal.

Chicago would receive Jerry Hairston Jr. and a pair of minor leaguers, second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-handed pitcher Dave Crouthers, in exchange for Sosa and \$12 million. The trade is likely to be finalized between Wednesday afternoon and Friday.

Sosa's contract currently contains a provision that calls for the team's \$18 million option for 2006 to become guaranteed if he is trad-

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ed and for a \$19 million team option for 2007 to be added, one that would carry a \$4.5 million buy-out. As part of the trade, Sosa will sign an addendum to his contract voiding that provision.

Commissioner Bud Selig also must approve the trade because more than \$1 million will change hands in the swap, which the teams put in motion Friday night. The teams started the process of submitting documents outlining the trade to the commissioner's office, but all the necessary paperwork had not been sent in as of Monday night.

To replace some of Sosa's power, the Cubs neared an agree-

ment with free-agent outfielder Jeremy Burnitz on a one-year contract with a mutual option for 2006. That deal wouldn't be finalized until the Sosa trade is completed.

Baltimore would pay just \$5 million of Sosa's \$17 million salary this year, with the Cubs paying \$12 million. The Orioles would assume responsibility for the 2006 option, which Baltimore would be able to buy out for \$4.5 million.

In addition, Chicago would remain responsible for the \$3.5 million severance pay called for in Sosa's contract, which must be given to the seven-time All-Star within 30 days after the trade is finalized. The Cubs would wind up paying \$62.5 million of the \$72 million Sosa was guaranteed in the four-year deal, with the Orioles paying \$9.5 million.

Hairston took his physical Monday in the Phoenix area. Sosa is to take his physical Wednesday or Thursday.

The Cubs and Orioles did not include a 72-hour window for a contract extension. The 36-year-old outfielder has agreed to waive his right to block the trade and will go to the Orioles without an extension.

After the deal is done, Baltimore might try to negotiate a new contract with Sosa.

Selig has twice approved larger salary transfers. Texas agreed last February to send the Yankees \$67 million over seven seasons in the trade that sent Alex Rodriguez to New York for Alfonso Soriano.

In November 2002, Selig approved the Mike Hampton,



The Chicago Cubs would receive Jerry Hairston Jr. and two minor leaguers in exchange for Sammy Sosa, above, and \$12 million in a deal that is likely to be completed this week.

three-team trade, which involved \$30 million — Colorado agreed to send Florida \$6.5 million over three years, and the Marlins agreed to send that money plus an additional \$23.5 million over three years to Atlanta, which received the pitcher.

The money in the Sosa trade tops the other two big deals Selig approved this winter. The Yankees are paying Arizona \$9 million in the trade that brought Randy Johnson to New York and Los Angeles is paying \$10 million in the deal that sent Shawn Green to the Diamondbacks.

Sosa hit .253 last year, his lowest average since 1997, and had 35 homers and 80 RBIs in 126 games. His 574 homers rank seventh on the career list.

While Cubs fans supported him after he used a corked bat in 2003, he was booed last year, when he had a back injury. Then he left the ballpark during the final regular-season game last October after the Cubs had blown a wild-card lead over the final week, and criticized manager Dusty Baker.

Searching for a replacement for Sosa's offense, Cubs general manager Jim Hendry has talked with Scott Boras, the agent for former White Sox outfielder Magglio Ordonez, and Howard Simon, the agent for Burnitz.

Dodgers make bid for Japanese infielder

TOKYO — The Los Angeles Dodgers have made a bid for Japanese infielder Norihiro Nakamura, Japanese baseball officials said Tuesday.

The Japanese baseball commissioner's office informed the Orix Buffaloes that the Dodgers have made a bid for their third baseman, although the bidding price was not revealed.

The Dodgers now have 30 days to negotiate a contract with Nakamura, who is currently in the United States.

Under the posting system, major league teams can bid for the negotiating rights to Japanese players who have yet to become free agents. Ichiro Suzuki, signed with the Seattle Mariners through the same system.

Nakamura joined the Buffaloes in 1992 but was limited to 19 homers and a .247 batting average in 105 games last season due to injury.

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Lakers' Tomjanovich considering resigning

BY JOHN NADEL

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rudy Tomjanovich is considering resigning as Los Angeles Lakers coach because of health reasons, a team spokesman said Tuesday.

ESPN.com reported that Tomjanovich would step down following Tuesday night's game against Portland. Spokesman John Black said that would not be the case.

"He's considering several options and resigning is one of them. That decision has not been made," Black said.

"There won't be an announcement tonight. He won't coach tonight because he's not feeling well. This has nothing to do with cancer."

Tomjanovich, who won a pair of NBA championships with the Houston Rockets, met Los Angeles' victory over Charlotte on Sunday night because of a stomach virus. He returned to the coaching ranks this season after recovering from bladder cancer.

Assistant coach Frank Hamblen, the only holdover from former coach Phil Jackson's staff, guided the team against the Bobcats and will coach them against the Trail Blazers.

Black said Tomjanovich has had a sinus infection as well as the stomach virus.

"It's health-related," Black said about Tomjanovich's absence.

"He loves the team and the team loves him."

After cutting ties with Jackson and trading Shaquille O'Neal during the offseason, the Lakers have been a mediocre team this season. They were 23-19 going into Tuesday's game against the Trail Blazers.

Black said he had no idea when Tomjanovich will be back on the bench — if indeed he stays on the job.

Tomjanovich signed a 5-year, \$30 million contract last summer.

"He has discussed this with the appropriate people in the organization," Black said.

"When he does make a decision, it will be announced at the appropriate time."

Tomjanovich succeeded Jackson when the Lakers did not renew his contract. Jackson led the Lakers to three consecutive NBA championships as well as a berth in the finals last June, when they were upset by Detroit.

The Lakers traded O'Neal to Miami and kept Kobe Bryant all season, re-signing the guard to a seven-year, \$13.64 million contract.

Bryant sprained his right ankle Jan. 13 and hasn't played since.

Tomjanovich guided Houston to NBA titles in 1994 and 1995. He spent his entire playing career in the Rockets' organization.

Kansas' second-half rally keeps Missouri reeling

The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — There might not be many Missouri fans who think the school made the right decision six years ago when it hired Quin Snyder over Bill Self.

By all accounts, Self — then head coach at Tulsa — was the No. 2 choice when the Tigers chose Snyder, a former Duke point guard who'd never been in charge of a program.

After No. 3 Kansas' come-from-behind 73-61 victory

over Missouri on Monday night, Snyder fell to 3-10 against the Jayhawks — and 0-7 against Self.

Snyder refused to discuss the growing criticism he is drawing from fans who are impatient with a team that has never finished higher than fifth in the Big 12 since he arrived.

"For me to be concerned about myself is not the answer," Snyder said. "Ultimately, I am accountable. But I have to focus on the team."

After quickly falling behind by 10 points against the heavily favored Jayhawks (17-1, 7-0 Big 12), the Tigers closed the first half on a 20-4 spree and seized a 36-28 lead.

But Kansas rallied behind Aaron Miles' 14 points and 10 assists, all but one in the second half.

"We played so bad in the first half," it was miserable," said Self, who's 41-10 in less than two seasons at Kansas. "We made some serious mistakes and had about 10 turnovers. At halftime, it was like we just flipped a switch."

Two picture-perfect one-handed lobes by Miles set up easy buckets by Christian Moody and J.R. Giddens, keying a 7-1 run that seemed to deflate Missouri (10-11, 2-6) in the second half.

"I was sitting on the bench, but I was yelling my lungs out," said Wayne Simien, who had 22 points and eight rebounds. "That was huge."

Kansas shot just 36 percent in the first half but hit 70 percent in the first 15 minutes, 30 seconds of the second half while handing the reeling Tigers their seventh loss



Kansas guard Keith Langford drives past Missouri's Linas Kleiza during the first half. The Jayhawks rallied in the second half to win 73-61.

in eight games.

"That was big for us," Miles said. "That was a big run for us because it got the crowd back involved. And it juiced us up."

Giddens had 15 points and Keith Langford 11 for Kansas.

Jason Conley had a season-high 20 points for Missouri, and Linas Kleiza had 11 before fouling out and then adding a technical foul for arguing.

"We are the type of team that has to play a certain way," Moody said. "And it is almost better playing when we are down. It's almost like we were scared, and I think we really stepped it up. I wasn't scared about how things would come out because I knew our seniors would come through for us."

An unexpected zone defense helped stop Missouri's momentum and allowed the Jayhawks to get their transition game going. The Jayhawks scored four points in the last 6-48 before halftime while Missouri went on a 20-4 run.

No. 16 Pittsburgh 86, Providence 65: At Pittsburgh, Chris

Taft scored a career-high 25 points and Carl Krauser admittedly ran the Panthers' fast-breaking offense while playing one of his best defensive games of the season.

Krauser had 19 points, nine assists and two steals and helped shut out Dwight Brewington for nearly 32 minutes to help the Panthers (15-3, 5-2 Big East) win their fifth in six games. Brewington finished with eight points.

Ryan Gomes scored 24, but the Friars (9-11, 0-7) lost their seventh in a row and 10th straight in the Big East dating to last season.

No. 21 Utah 72, BYU 58: At Provo, Utah, Andrew Bogut had 20 points and tied his career high with five blocks to lead Utah to its 13th straight win.

Bryant Markston and Tim Drisdom scored nearly 11 points and Marc Jackson had 10 points for Utah (18-3, 6-0 Mountain West), which shot 61.9 percent from the field in the second half.

Austin Ainge led BYU (7-14, 1-5) with 15 points.

NHL players insist owners' proposal is nothing to talk about

BY IRA PODELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL and the players' association are now disputing whether they have anything to talk about.

The sides have had just limited contact by phone since Thursday, when the league presented more salary-cap concepts in an effort to reach a new collective bargaining agreement. But even that talking stopped Monday, leaving even less optimism that the hockey season could be saved.

Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, expected to hear from the players' association on Monday, but that call never came.

"I'm somewhat surprised that I haven't heard from the players' association today," Daly told The Canadian Press on Monday. "We broke up on Thursday and both agreed to keep the lines of communication open."

"I'm expecting that at some point we'll hear back from them with respect to some of the concepts that we discussed on Thursday night."

Ted Saska, the NHLPA's se-

nior director, said Daly shouldn't have expected a response from the union regarding the new concepts because they still reflect the salary-cap position of the league.

That is an option the union would it will never accept.

"Bill knows that the concepts they discussed with us on Thursday would not form the basis for an agreement, so he should not be surprised that he hasn't heard from us," Saska said. "We were very clear on Thursday that we would not be negotiating over his proposed concepts."

The NHL is committed to achieving cost certainty that would provide a link between league revenues and player costs. The players' association has refused to accept that as a solution to end the lockout that reached 138 days on Monday and has forced the cancellation of 747 of the 1,230 regular-season games this and this year's All-Star Game.

The entire season might be the next thing to go.

After four meetings in three cities the past two weeks, the sides haven't been able to figure out when to get together again or what to discuss.

Air Force extends home streak to 24

The Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Antoine Hood scored 15 points and shot 4-for-4 from the three-point line Monday night to lead Air Force to a 64-48 victory over UNLV.

The win extended Air Force's home winning streak to 24 games, the second longest in the nation.

Air Force (14-7, 5-1 Mountain West Conference) won it in the first half with superior

three-point shooting and the nation's No. 1 scoring defense. Air Force made 10 of its first 15 field goal attempts, including eight of its first 12 three-point attempts to take a 42-24 lead into the break.

Nick Welch and Jacob Burtch added nine points each for the Falcons.

The Rebels' Odell Blankson hit a jumper to put UNLV to 15 with 1:39 left in the second half, but UNLV's next field goal didn't come until Joel Anthony hit a three-pointer at the buzzer.

Rommel Beck led UNLV with 14 points, while Odell Blankson added 11 points.

Air Force outbounded the Rebels 24, despite UNLV (9-9, 2-4) entering the game ranked second in the Mountain West Conference in offensive rebounds while the Falcons were seventh. Air Force finished with a 10-7 advantage on the offensive glass.

In the second half, the Falcons substituted liberally and 15 Air Force players saw action.

HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

Beauty of the Beast

It's not Far East, but Kinnick meet will bring out best

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

For the DODDS-Pacific crowd, Saturday's Nile C. Kinnick Invitational "Beast of the Far East" Wrestling Tournament serves as a scouting mission, skills builder and confidence booster for the DODDS Far East Tournament later this month.

But for the international schools, no longer a part of DODDS-Pacific's Far East Tournament, the Beast becomes their unofficial Far East championship.

For both groups this year's Beast has grown in importance and stature. It will welcome eight DODDS and five private schools, all regular players in past Far East Tournaments, in a one-day battle of skills, challenges and a new type of rivalry.

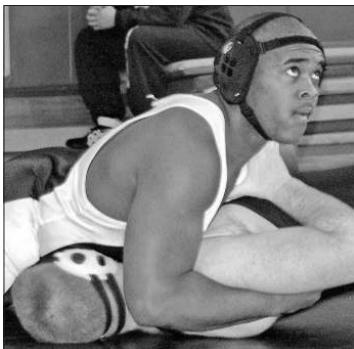
"It's the best possible competitive tournament, with everybody there," said coach Steve Schrock of Okinawa's Kadena Panthers. "We just can't call it 'Far East'."

From their inception in 1976, DODDS Far East wrestling tournaments have included international schools among competitors. But in September, DODDS-Pacific's Far East Activities Council announced that due to concerns about billeting and available facilities, Far East tournaments no longer would be open to those schools.

That leaves teams such as St. Mary's International, with six Far East titles, and American School in Japan, with four, on the outside looking in — and viewing the Beast quite differently.

"I would think they're looking at it as their Far East," said Beast organizer and Kinnick head coach Robby Rhinehart. "They won't get to compete again against the other schools. This is their focal point, probably, for the season."

Rhinehart said "some people are saying" privately that it's an "unofficial, real" Far East cham-



ONGO TYLER/Stars and Stripes

Senior David Burnett of Zama American, the defending Far East heavyweight gold medalist, is one of eight reigning champions competing in the Nile C. Kinnick Invitational "Beast of the Far East" Tournament.

ampionship. While believing that international schools bear no hard feelings, he said, "I think there's a little more motivation on their part. And I would say on the DODDS schools' part, too. We don't want to give them any bragging rights."

"Far East is still Far East, as far as I'm concerned," he said. "But I'd be a fool not to recognize the importance of this tournament."

For starters, every school that has won a Far East title is in the Beast field. And there are nine previous Far East individual weight-class champions, including three-time champion Zolbo Enkhbayar of Brent International-Subic, the only two-time winner of the Far East Tournament's Outstanding Wrestler award.

DODDS-Pacific coaches benefit from scouting their Far East Tournament opposition a couple of weeks in advance, while wrestlers get to improve their skills.

Coach Julian Hual of defending Far East dual-meet team champion Seoul American calls it a "steppingstone to get us ready for Far East."

Said Yokota coach and Far East Tournament organizer Brian Kitts, "You get to see the best at [Class AA] schools that will be at Far East: Kadena, Kubasaki and Seoul American. You can see what other Japan schools have. It's always great to see the other lineups and how you do against international schools."

Harden's Falcons will bring just three wrestlers, each of whom placed in last year's Far East:

Nile C. Kinnick High School Invitational "Beast of the Far East"

When: 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, where Yokosuka Middle School, Yokosuka, Japan
What: Invitational tournament among Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific and five international and miscellaneous schools that have competed in DODDS-Pacific Far East Tournaments since they began in 1976.

Schedule: Weight-in, 7 a.m. Wrestling, 9 a.m., until completion. Closing ceremony 11 a.m. Awards and food 12 p.m.
Format: Modified single-elimination championship bracket and consolation brackets. Each team may enter one wrestler per weight class, top four finishers receive medals and trophies.

Participating: DODDS-Pacific, Yokota, Zama, American, Robert D. Edgren, Nile C. Kinnick and E.J. King of Japan, Kadena and Kubasaki of Okinawa, St. Paul American of Korea, Private St. Mary's International, American School in Japan and Christian Academy in Japan, of Tokyo, Brent International Subic and Faith Academy of the Philippines.

Newsbury: Nine former DODDS-Pacific Far East tournament individual weight-class gold medalists will compete, headlined by Zolbo Enkhbayar of Brent-Subic, a three-time gold-medalist and the only two-time Outstanding Wrestler in Far East tournament history. He returns at 146 pounds. Zama's David Burnett (215) won at heavyweight last year. Seoul American's Scott Turtill (215) won at 186. Kadena's Devon Cleveland returns at 186. Joey Wood (156) took gold at 156. St. Mary's Mark St. Mary's (125) won at 108. CA's Jordan Foxwell (122) was the 119-pound champ. St. Mary's Mark St. Mary's (125) won at 108 in 2003 and 122 last year. Kadena's Brandon St. Mary's captured the 101-pound gold as a freshman.

Weight classes to watch: 125 pounds: With Burnett dropping down and Turtill moving up to 215, this weight is one of three with no past Far East champions. Also is the mix: unbeatens Jim Scott of Yokota, Gray Pennell of Kadena and Kubasaki's Paul Hachert, last year's Far East 215-pound runner-up.

146 pounds: Wood very likely could meet Cleveland in the championship, should move down from 186 and Brent's rising star Ryland George, a freshman, might have an impact.

160 pounds: Another potential four-way battle. It's Enkhbayar to win for Brent. Challenging him will be Kubasaki sophomore transfer Steve Hesterting, Far East 145-pound runner-up Keith Dougherty of Kinnick and M.M. Kwak of St. Mary's.

East: Chris Steuervald (122 pounds), John Crabtree (135) and defending 180-pound titlist Scott Turtill (215). It's their first look at somebody besides Osan and Tsegu American, their only opposition in Korea.

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This week's schedule

Boys basketball
Friday, Feb. 4
Robert D. Edgren and E.J. King at Mat-teson 6 p.m.; Yokota and Yokosuka International at Nile C. Kinnick 5:30 p.m.; American School in Japan at Zama American, 5:30 p.m.; Yokota at Christian Academy in Japan, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5
Edgren and E.J. King at M.C. Perry, 10 a.m.; Zama at Fuchino, Japanese, noon

Tuesday, Feb. 8
CAJ at Kinnick, 5:30 p.m.; Yokota at Zama, 5:30 p.m.; St. Mary's Int'l at ASU, 5:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Thursday, Feb. 3
Christian Academy in Japan at Seisen International, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4
Robert D. Edgren and E.J. King at Mat-teson 6 p.m.; Nile C. Kinnick vs. Zama American at Atsugi Naval Air Facility, 5:30 p.m.; American School in Japan at Yokosuka, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5
Kinnick Academy in Japan at Seisen International School of the Sacred Heart at Yokota, 10 a.m.; ASU at Zama, 10 a.m.; Edgren and E.J. King at M.C. Perry, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 9
CAJ at Kinnick, 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 5
Nile C. Kinnick Invitational "Beast of the Far East," 9 a.m., Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

Girls basketball
Friday, Feb. 4
American School in Japan at Zama American, 5:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Friday, Feb. 4
Centennial Christian at Korea Kent For-give, 3:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 5
Nile C. Kinnick Invitational "Beast of the Far East," 9 a.m., Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

Boys basketball
Friday, Feb. 4
Kadena at Kubasaki, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5
Maehara at Kadena, 7 p.m.; Japanese school to be determined at Kubasaki, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball
Friday, Feb. 4
Kadena at Kubasaki, 5 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5
Japanese school to be determined at Kadena, 5 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 5
Nile C. Kinnick Invitational "Beast of the Far East," 9 a.m., Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

Guam
Boys basketball
(all start times 5:30 p.m.)
Friday, Feb. 4
John F. Kennedy at St. Paul Christian; Father Duenas Memorial vs. Simon Sanchez at Yigo; George Washington High vs. Yigo; Harvest Christian Academy at Sports Center, Agaña.

Saturday, Feb. 5
George Washington High vs. St. Paul Christian; Southern at Father Duenas Memorial vs. Simon Sanchez at Yigo; Harvest Christian Academy at St. John's.

Tuesday, Feb. 8
Harvest Christian Academy at Father Duenas Memorial vs. Simon Sanchez at St. John's; St. Paul Christian vs. Guam High; Southern and St. John's vs. Guam High vs. Yigo; George Washington at Sports Center, Agaña.

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 5
At Guam High School, Himeji High vs. Father Duenas Memorial vs. Guam High; Southern vs. Guam High; John F. Kennedy vs. Southern; John F. Kennedy vs. Simon Sanchez; Father Duenas Memorial vs. Simon Sanchez.

Boys basketball
Nile C. Kinnick (11-9)
When: 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Zama American (11-9)
Where: Ranger Fitness and Sports Center, Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan

What: Last of two regular-season games for Nile C. Kinnick. The team is looking to catch the Yokota Panthers in the Kanto Japan Association of School Sports (KJASS) title chase and for the best overall record in the Yokosuka area. Yokota (10-1) leads Zama (8-2) (kanto) by two games.

Players to watch: The Trojans got a huge transfer bonus over the summer in high school. They were the only team averaged in the 20s in scoring and defense figures in rebounding and steals. The Trojans get scoring help from Bill Loggins, a transfer from Yokosuka, and a senior, getting solid all-around play from junior Jamarion Johnson and senior guard Jasmine Jordan and freshman forward Tomika Lince.

Ronnie Stephens

Boys basketball

Kubasaki, Okinawa

Last week: Scored 10 of his 19 points and grabbed six rebounds in the fourth quarter as the Dragons held off a rally and beat the Futatabi Falcons. The Dragons defeated the Japanese team 95-75 in Okinawa-American League play at Kubasaki's Dragons Den on Camp Foster.

Stephens, a senior forward, was instrumental in helping Kubasaki stay ahead of a Falcons team that trailed by 30 but cut the gap to seven midway through the fourth quarter. Kubasaki is 5-1 in OAL play and 11-3 overall.

"He's blue-collar," coach Chris Sullivan said of his three-year starter, comparing him to past Kubasaki star forward Bill Gray and T.J. Bostick. "He comes to work every day and works hard. Like Gray and Bostick did. He's a good example to others on the team. Great work ethic."

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Beast: DODDS teams get great tuneup meet

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"This will give them a chance to see where they are at, what they need to work on, moves that can be done in succession, conditioning, whether they can go three or four bouts," Harden said. "We hope to answer those questions with this tournament. It's win-win for us."

A young team such as Kitts' Panthers gains "valuable experience" from the meet, he said. "Every day we tell the kids... whenever you wrestle against a St. Mary's, you improve 10 times because they're so good. Even if you lose, you improve." St. Mary's, which won the Far East individual freestyle team title last year, enters the Beast as the favorite.

"They've won everything [this season]. They don't have any weak spots," Rhinehart said. "Even their JV kids are tough."

Three weight classes — 135, 165 and 215 — each will include two previous Far East weight-class winners.

Two-time champ Mark Strickland of St. Mary's could face 2002 Far East 101-pound champion Brenden Stanford of Kadena at 135.

Defending 158-pound champion Joey Wood of Kinross could wind up battling 2004 165-pound champ Devon Copeland of Kadena.

"I'm looking forward to that," Copeland said. "I just need to work my moves and bring the intensity. I'll be a good match."

And last year's Far East heavyweight champion David Burnett of Zama could drop to 215, where he might face Tams. Also in the mix, sitting 215-pound runner-up Yakota Haechel of Kubasaki and Yokota's unbeaten Jim Scott.

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Yokota coach

"You might see the best wrestlers at Far East come out of 215," Kitts said. "That's going to stand out this year."

Then Enkhbayar could make the 148-pound weight a race to see who finishes second. "Zolboo is so good," Kitts said. "If you get second to him, no matter what the reason, you've got something to be proud of."

That Enkhbayar and other international school talents won't be in Far East left Copeland and Stanford with mixed feelings.

"It won't be the same without them," Copeland said.

Far East, Stanford predicted, "will be less spectacular," private schools "bring a lot more money."

But the "Beast" should provide the DODDS-Pacific schools a "good gauge" of how they stand entering the Far East Tournament, Kitts said.

"You're almost going to be able to tell who's going to win at Far East and who's not. I can't wait to see it."

Rhinehart agreed. "Some teams have an advantage in an all-DODDS tournament but throw more teams in and it can really change things," he said. "I want to see what happens in a big tournament. I'm excited about this."

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Tip leads to discovery of another designer steroid

The Associated Press

Canadian scientists uncovered a new steroid designed to avoid detection in standard drug tests, but say they found no evidence it was used by athletes.

The World Anti-Doping Agency said Tuesday that the substance — called desoxy-methyl-testosterone, or DMT — was identified after a tip from an anonymous whistleblower.

WADA science director Olivier Rabin said the drug had similarities to THG, or tetrahydrogestrinone, a drug at the heart of the BALCO steroid investigation in the United States.

Several track and field stars, including sprinters Kelli White and Dwain Chambers, were banned after THG was unmasked in 2003.

Four men face charges of distributing steroids to elite athletes in the case involving the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Rabin and Christiane Aytotte, director of Montreal's anti-doping lab, said there was no evidence DMT had been used by athletes. They touted the finding as a pre-emptive victory against drug cheats.

"Probably in this case we are ahead of the cops," Rabin said in a conference call from WADA headquarters in Montreal. "This shows to the dopers how serious we are."

Tennessee raises Fulmer's salary to over \$2M per year

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer received a raise that will push his salary to over \$2 million per year.

Fulmer's total contract was in-

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crossed from nearly \$1.8 million to \$2.05 million annually and extended by one year to 2011, university officials announced Tuesday.

The 54-year-old took over as Vols head coach at the end of the 1992 season. He has the longest tenure among current Southeastern Conference coaches and a record of 123-31.

Former Washington AD testifies in Neuheisel trial

KENT, Wash. — Former Washington athletic director Barbara Hedges testified Tuesday that she didn't initially read the full text of an e-mail that mistakenly authorized gambling by athletic department employees in NCAA basketball pools.

Hedges became aware of an erroneous paragraph in the e-mail three months later, after former Huskies football coach Rick Neuheisel was questioned by NCAA investigators about participating in NCAA pools.

The mistake made by former Washington compliance director Dana Richardson is a cornerstone in Neuheisel's lawsuit against the university and NCAA.

Hedges' testimony came on the second day of trial of the lawsuit. Neuheisel contends he was unfairly fired as Washington's coach, and that the NCAA wrongfully pressured the school to dismiss him.

Richardson sent an e-mail on March 13, 2003, to the entire athletic staff. After glancing at the headline, "Reminder about NCAA rules on gambling," Hedges said she deleted the e-mail.

Jurors were shown the text, which reads: "The bottom line is if you have friends outside IGA (intercollegiate athletics) — you can participate. You cannot place a bet with a bookie or organize your own pool."

Asked by Neuheisel's attorney, Bob Soltan, why she deleted the e-mail, Hedges replied: "I know very clearly the rules. You cannot in any way place bets on college athletics. I looked at it. I deleted it."

Female ABA coach fired during game by co-owner

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Adam Sonn and his Nashville team teammates want to keep Ashley McElhiney as their coach and hope the owners of the ABA franchise reverse a decision to fire the first female coach of a men's professional team.

Co-owner Sally Anthony walked onto the court during the third quarter of a game Saturday night and fired McElhiney after the coach refused to bench a player. Sonn, who has a broken foot, was sitting beside McElhiney on the bench at the time.

"Why (Anthony) would pull

something like this is beyond me, and it was embarrassing for all parties involved," Sonn said Monday. "I just think that things are going to settle back down, and you know later this week things will get back to normal."

Anthony and her husband, and co-owner, Tony Bucher didn't return messages left Monday by The Associated Press. Rhythm General Manager Daniel Bucher, Anthony's brother-in-law, also didn't return multiple messages. The team's third owner, Justin Christian, could not be reached for comment.

Anthony, a pop singer who has her own record label, helped the expansion Rhythm make a national splash last May with the hiring of McElhiney, then 22. Nashville is 18-7 under McElhiney.

Saturday's argument involved the playing time of Matt Freije, Vanderbilt's all-time leading scorer who was signed last week after being released by the NBA's New Orleans Hornets. Anthony wanted Freije, who made a reported \$10,000 for two games, to be benched.

McElhiney refused. That's when Anthony fired her.

MetroStars trade Dope

SECAUCUS, N.J. — Veteran World Cup defender Eddie Poppe was traded by the MetroStars to the expansion team Real Salt Lake on Tuesday for a foreign allocation and a draft pick. The MetroStars will get Real Salt Lake's highest-ranked second-round pick in next year's MLS draft or a swap of first-round picks in Friday's supplemental draft.

World Cup ticket sales off to good start

FRANKFURT, Germany — Ticket sales for next year's World Cup are off to a lively start, with soccer fans from 108 countries applying for more than a third of the available seats within 12 hours.

Between midnight Monday — when tickets went on sale — and noon Tuesday, 53,000 applications came in for 300,000 tickets, an average of six tickets per order, said Wolfgang Niersbach, a vice president of the organizing committee.

All fans ordering tickets will not necessarily get them, with demand far outstripping supply, and a lottery system will determine the lucky winners.

NHL raises \$72,000 for tsunami relief with auction

NEW YORK — The NHL raised \$72,000 to benefit the victims of the tsunami in the Indian Ocean through an online auction of hockey memorabilia and other unique items.

The auction was held on the league's Web site from Jan. 20-27 and brought in \$36,000. The NHL Foundation then matched that amount, lifting the NHL's total donation to the tsunami relief efforts over \$100,000.

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Linebacker Vrabel's versatility is catching on with Patriots

By MARK LONG

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Mike Vrabel has the football neatly displayed back home in Ohio. He carries the memory with him everywhere.

The New England linebacker caught a touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter that helped the Patriots beat Carolina in the Super Bowl last year. Vrabel also had six tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble — playing the game of his life on sports' biggest stage.

Now he wants a repeat performance.

"If I was lucky, then one and there and get another one and help us win, then that would top it," Vrabel said Monday.

It could happen. Vrabel has two touchdowns catches this season, including one in the regular-season finale against San Francisco.

Although receiver-turned-cornerback Troy Brown gets more attention for playing both ways, Vrabel may still be the team's most versatile player. After all, he makes tackles, covers receivers, rushes quarterbacks and lines up as a tight end in goal-line situations.

"He is very adaptable," coach Bill Belichick said.

A defensive end in college at Ohio State who moved to linebacker in the NFL, Vrabel is making plans for another transition.

He returned to college last summer to complete his degree in exercise physiology. He finished school because he wants to become a coach after his playing days are over.

"It's tough to recruit kids to come play for you and talk to their parents and say, 'I'm going to make sure your son goes to class and I'm going to make sure he graduates' when you don't have a degree yourself," Vrabel said. "It's tough to tell kids to go to class when they're looking at a coach who hasn't graduated."

Vrabel, who began college as a premed student but switched ma-

jors because of the demands of football, graduated in June after completing a Biochemistry course.

"I was in there with a bunch of nursing students," he said. "There were like 12 girls and me, which wasn't bad. Don't get me wrong, I didn't have to take a whole lot of notes."

Vrabel said his former classmates still keep in touch, writing letters and watching most of his games. They have high expectations for the Super Bowl, and so does Vrabel.

That's a big change from earlier in his career.

He spent four years as a backup with Pittsburgh because the team had so much depth at linebacker with Jason Gildon, Levine Barker, Greg Lloyd and Joey Porter.

But everything changed after he signed with the Pats. Under the direction of Belichick, Vrabel has developed into one of New England's most productive players. He had a career-high 76 tackles and 5½ sacks this season. He has 279 tackles and 22½ sacks in four years in New England.

"Mike has been very consistent for us for the last four years," Belichick said. "He does everything well that you want an outside linebacker to do. He's strong. He's physical in the running game. He can rush the passer. He pursues well. He's smart."

All Vrabel needed was an opportunity to play full time.

"He's probably the most intelligent guy on our football team," safety Rodney Harrison said. "The guy is smart. He knows the defense inside and out. Teddy Bruschi is the most instinctive, but Vrabel is the most intelligent."

Maybe that's why he went back to college and why the Pats had no reservations about using him on offense — evidenced by his game ball from last year's Super Bowl.

"I feel like I've been pretty lucky," Vrabel said. "I've been able to make the most of a great opportunity. That's really what it comes down to."



Patriots linebacker Mike Vrabel has gotten a lot more attention since his big game in last year's Super Bowl, in which he caught a touchdown pass and had six tackles.

Cards RB Smith denies reports that he'll retire

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Emmitt Smith denied a report Tuesday that he will retire later this week.

ESPN.com, citing unidentified "confidants" of the star running back, reported that Smith will retire Thursday in Jacksonville, site of this year's Super Bowl. Smith spent the past two seasons with Arizona after 13 years with Dallas.

Smith, 35, denied the report in comments to The Dallas Morning News.

"Did you see my year last year? Do you think I'm ready to retire?" Smith said in a report on the newspaper's Web site Tuesday.

Smith rushed for 937 yards and nine touchdowns this season. He has 18,355 yards overall and 164 TDs. He was the league's most valuable player in 1993. Smith said on Monday night that he wanted to retire as a member of the Cowboys, the team with which he won three Super Bowls.

Neither the Cardinals nor Cowboys had any announcements planned regarding Smith.

Asked about Smith possibly retiring, former teammate Troy Aikman said: "I hate to speculate on it. At some point it will end, maybe this year or the next. Emmitt's had a terrific career. I'm sure the last two years have been difficult for Emmitt in Arizona."

"One thing in this game, when you play on a team that has been together for as long as we were in Dallas, and then you lose guys, it takes a toll."

Smith was lauded by several players in this year's Super Bowl as a role model, a man who conducted himself the right way on and off the field.

"It would be a great loss for the league," New England running back Corey Dillon said. "I'm going to miss him. I looked up to him, watching him win Super Bowls."

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Eagles' showman vows to play on grand stage

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — T.O.'s timeout is over.

Brushing aside his doctor's advice and — some might say — common sense, Terrell Owens returned to the practice field Monday, determined to pull off the most improbable play of his career by making it to the Super Bowl.

He ran the required routes. He made the necessary cuts. And — is this a sign of what's to come? — Sunday against the defending champion New England Patriots? — he caught the passes that were thrown his way.

Not bad for a guy who went down 43 days earlier with a grotesque injury to his right leg, apparently done until next season.

"I will play on Sunday," Owens said Tuesday. "I know the type person I am. I have a lot of faith in my ability. I feel great. I'm proving a lot of people wrong. The sky is the limit for me. There are no limitations."

C'mon, this shouldn't be all that surprising. And it's something Owens promised his teammates moments after he was injured.

"I told the guys in the locker room 'You guys just get us into the Super Bowl and I'll be there,'" he said. "They've done their job. Now it's time to do my job."

Owens' teammates were happy to hear the receiver's plans.

"That's great. He's another piece of the puzzle," defensive tackle Corey Simon said. "He's not the whole puzzle. And if he wasn't out there, he'd be on the sidelines cheering for us, but we're glad to have him."

The greatest showman in football was certainly meant for the grandest stage. The guy who pulled out a Sharpie after a touchdown and gawked at Nicole Sheridan for a pregame show had

to at least give it a shot.

"It's always a little when you can get anyone out there, an added weapon," Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "He did make some big plays for us. He did an excellent job of coming in and presenting a different type of feel for our passing attack."

Last week, Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on

Owens' right ankle in December, said he would not clear the All-Pro receiver to suit up against the Patriots.

But there was Monday, in uniform at the University of North Florida. While Owens took part in less than one-third of the team's 30 plays, he got a pass each time he ran a route.

"It's shocking when you see the injury he had and how far he's come," Pro Bowl safety Michael Lewis said.

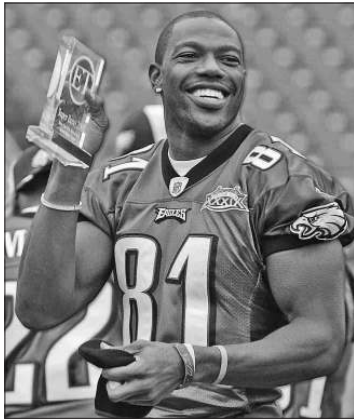
In his first season with the Eagles after eight years in San Francisco, Owens led Philadelphia with 77 catches for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs.

Then came that horrific December day when Owens severely sprained his ankle and broke his leg in a game against Dallas. Myerson inserted two screws in Owens' ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured. Owens was told to expect a long recovery, an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6½ weeks away at the time. But he rehabbed vigorously, hoping to help Philadelphia win its first NFL championship since 1960.

"If T.O. says he's going to play, he's going to play," Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter said Tuesday. "T.O. is going to play. I think T.O. is going to come out and surprise a lot of people."

The Patriots downplayed the possibility of Owens' return.

"We've got to prepare for all



Terrell Owens sprained his ankle and broke his leg during a game on Dec. 19 and doctors have advised him not to play in the Super Bowl.

the players," coach Bill Belichick said. "We expect everybody to be at their best for this game. That's the only way we ever think about it. We never expect anything less from our opponents."

After a checkup last week in Baltimore, Myerson said that while he's pleased with Owens' recuperation, the operation requires a recovery period of eight to 10 weeks. Myerson added that any attempt to accelerate the rehabilitation process poses the same risk for injury.

But try telling that to Owens, who insisted on testing his leg this week.

"We limited what he did, but he did it well, and he did it with the team," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He moved around pretty well. I'll have to see how he does before we decide whether he'll play."

The final decision on Owens' status will come down to the player, Reid and the team's medical staff.

"Could the same injury occur? Yes," Reid said. "But he won't damage it any further than he already has."

"He looked pretty smooth out there," tight end L.J. Smith said. "He's not trying to push it. He's getting his timing down and he caught a couple balls."

The injury to Owens was a huge blow for a team that dominated the NFC and clinched the No. 1 seed in the conference after just 14 games. Owens invigorated the Eagles with his attitude, enthusiasm and stellar performance, adding a swagger to a team that desperately needed a personality.

With him, the offense was extremely potent, averaging 25.4 points in 14 games. After Owens was injured, the Eagles lost the last two regular-season games in which most starters hardly played and others rested.

But the Eagles are 2-0 without Owens in games that matter. While the offense hasn't been dominant without Owens, they've scored 27 points in each of their playoff games against Minnesota and Atlanta.

"You have to account for him when he is on the field," teammate Hank Fraley said, "because he is a playmaker."

Swagger: Philly's savoring trip to football's biggest show

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before. On the flight down, players captured each other's every move with camcorders, making sure to savor their trip. The Patriots were more businesslike, hardly flinching at the sight of all those cameras and microphones.

Just because we have camcorders doesn't mean that we are caught up in it," McNabb said. "This is footage. This is something we can show our grandkids. ... When you have been to a couple of Super Bowls, obviously it is kind of a thing that you are used to. We are not used to it, but we are not going to sit in a room and kick our feet up and start dwelling on being here at the Super Bowl. We have a job to do. This is a loose bunch and we've been having fun."

The Eagles were down to skepticism. After Owens went down with a severe ankle injury last month, critics questioned whether Philadelphia can advance to the Super Bowl without its main threat on offense.

In the only two games they've played without him that matter, the Eagles scored 27 points in each and averaged 360.5 yards.

"We proved all the so-called experts wrong," wideout Fred McNeil said.

Though most of the players don't have Super Bowl experience, Reid understands what it takes to win. He was an assistant coach under Mike Holmgren when Green Bay went to consecutive Super Bowls following the 1996-97 seasons.

Reid kept notes on the Packers' itinerary, and other information he's used for reference since the Eagles won the NFC title. Just in case some players need a reminder, Reid always wears his championship ring from Green Bay's victory over New England eight years ago. "It's something the players can see," Reid said. "They're playing in the ring. That's an important thing to them."

Crennel the only one who's mum on the Browns' job

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Just about everyone at the Super Bowl acknowledges that Romeo Crennel will be the Cleveland Browns' next head coach. Everyone except Crennel.

New England's defensive coordinator spoke about the Browns job during media day Tuesday, never admitting he's headed to Cleveland after Sunday's game with the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I don't have that. I am employed with the New England Patriots," he said. "The rules in the NFL say that is tampering; no one can talk to me as long as I work for the Patriots and I work for the Patriots."

After this game, if Cleveland decides to offer me a job, then I'll talk about that job."

The Browns reportedly are ready to do just that. They were allowed to interview

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him in early January when the Patriots had an off week before their first playoff game.

Crennel, 57, spent one year with the Browns as Chris Palmer's defensive coordinator in 2000, when the defense had 42 sacks, improving by 17 over 1999. He was interviewed for the head coaching job after Palmer was fired. But Crennel believes that was a courtesy because Cleveland already had decided to hire Butch Davis.

Davis quit with five games remaining this season. Crennel emerged as the top candidate to replace him after the interviewing process. Also interviewed were Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress; Browns interim coach and offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie; and Steelers offensive line coach Russ Grimm.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick, who already is losing offensive coordinator Charlie Weis to Notre Dame, won't confirm he also will be without Crennel after the Super Bowl.

"We're going to miss Romeo a lot," defensive tackle Keith Traylor said. "That's going to be a big void to fill."

Clarett a no-show for skills event

MIAMI — Maurice Clarett stiff-armed another commitment, reinforcing doubts about his reliability and fitness with the NFL, scouting combine three weeks away.

The elusive, reclusive former Ohio State running back had been scheduled to participate in the college football all-star challenge, an eight-player skills event taped Monday by Fox TV at Dolphins Stadium for broadcast Saturday.

But he recently hired a new agent, Steve

Feldman, who told organizers late last week that Clarett was pulling out.

"It was completely my decision," Feldman said. "He wanted to be there, but from a safety standpoint it just seemed logical to take a chance that he might wreck something or pull something or damage something that would prevent him from showing off his stuff at the combine."

At the combine a year ago, Clarett showed up overweight and declined to work out. He'll be eligible for the draft in April.

Panthers LB Fields to play in Pro Bowl

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers linebacker Mark Fields, who missed the 2003 season while battling Hodgkin's disease, has been named to the Pro Bowl roster, the team announced Tuesday, to replace Tampa Bay's Derrick Brooks, who will miss the game with a knee injury.

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A media target in Jacksonville



Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens, far left, attracts a throng of reporters during Super Bowl XXXIX Media Day at Alltel Stadium on Tuesday. Owens, who hasn't played since suffering a severe ankle injury on Dec. 19, said, "I will play on Sunday." See story on Page 31.



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Without Allen,
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are bowled over
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Kinnick's wrestling
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Philadelphia's swagger intact

Eagles enter
Super Bowl
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of confidence

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PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles haven't lost their swagger.

Despite being seven-point underdogs against the New England Patriots on Sunday, the Eagles are walking around as though they're favored to win the Super Bowl.

"We're not just happy to be here, we're here to win the game," center Hank Fraley said Monday.

This is Philadelphia's first trip to the Super Bowl in 24 years, and just five players — defensive end Jevon Kearse and right tackle Jon Runyan are the only starters — have played in the big game.

The Eagles haven't won a championship since 1960, while the Patriots are seeking their third title in four years.

Still, this is a confident, even cocky, bunch.

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■ Amid several reports that say otherwise, Emmitt Smith says he's not retiring, Page 30



Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb said, "We are not going to sit in a room and kick our feet up and start dwelling on being here at the Super Bowl. We have a job to do. This is a loose bunch and we've been having fun."

any team in the NFL," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "They understand that you have to prove that each and every Sunday. I think that's how they're approaching this."

The Eagles (15-3) dominated the NFC this season, winning nine games by double-digit margins, including five by at least 21 points. Even without injured All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens,



Eagles coach Andy Reid said of his team, "They think they're as good as any team in the NFL."

they outscored Minnesota and Atlanta 54-24 in the playoffs.

But the Patriots (16-2) are the defending champions, and they shut down Peyton Manning and the rest of the Indianapolis Colts in the playoffs and knocked off the Steelers in Pittsburgh in the AFC championship.

"When you play this game, somebody has to be an underdog. At times, the underdogs are the ones that shock you," Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "It's an exciting time for us. We're going to go out there and do our job and have fun."

Plenty of underdogs have won



Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell said, "We proved all the so-called experts wrong."

the Super Bowl, including the Patriots. New England was nearly a two-touchdown underdog against St. Louis when it won its first championship three years ago.

"I don't think you need to use that as motivation in a game as big as the Super Bowl," Fraley said.

"People aren't expecting us to win this game, so I guess you could use being a seven-point underdog as motivation, but it's the biggest game of the year and it's what you play for all year so that's motivation enough."

While the Eagles insist they're not overwhelmed by the magnitude of this game, they certainly acted as if they haven't been here

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